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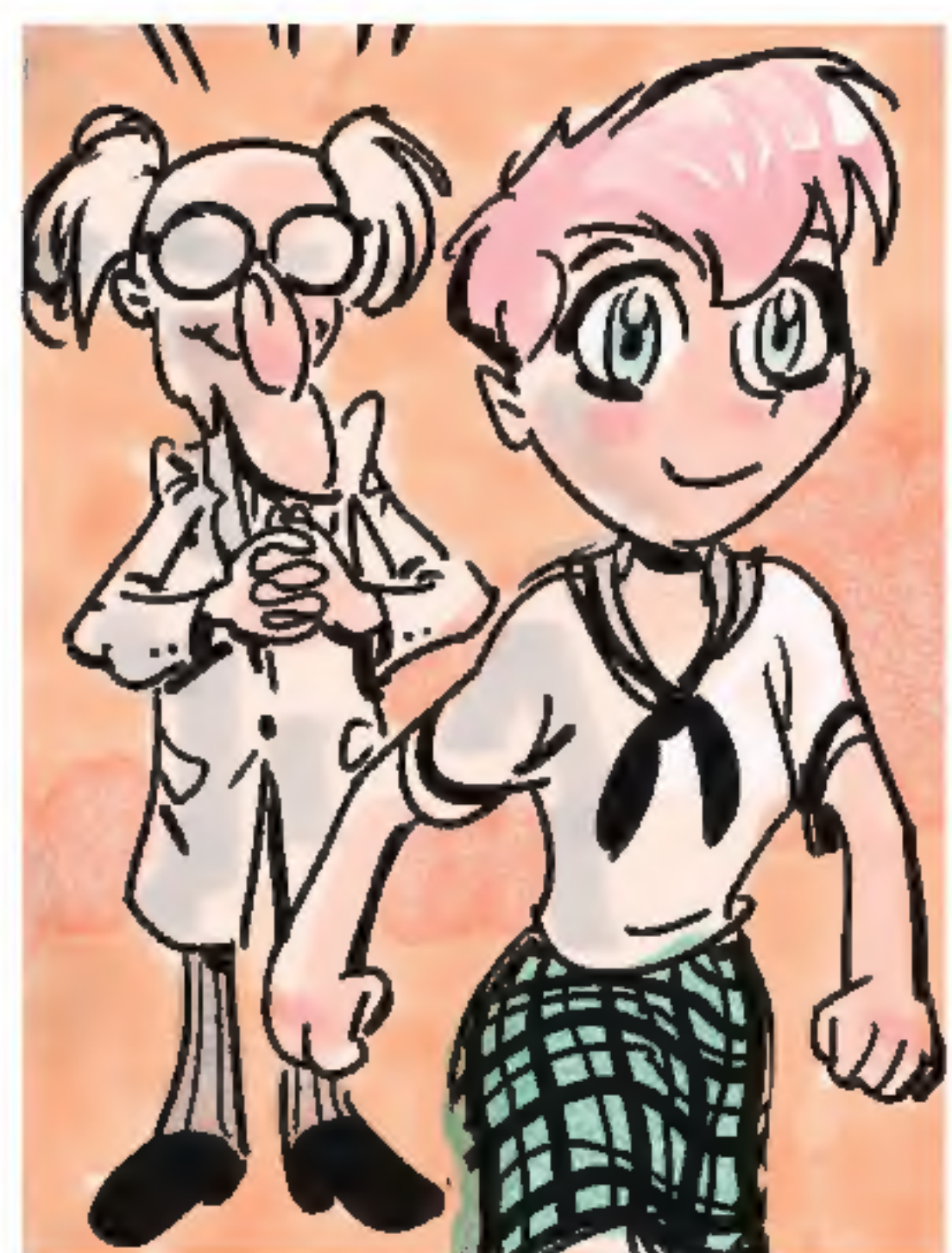
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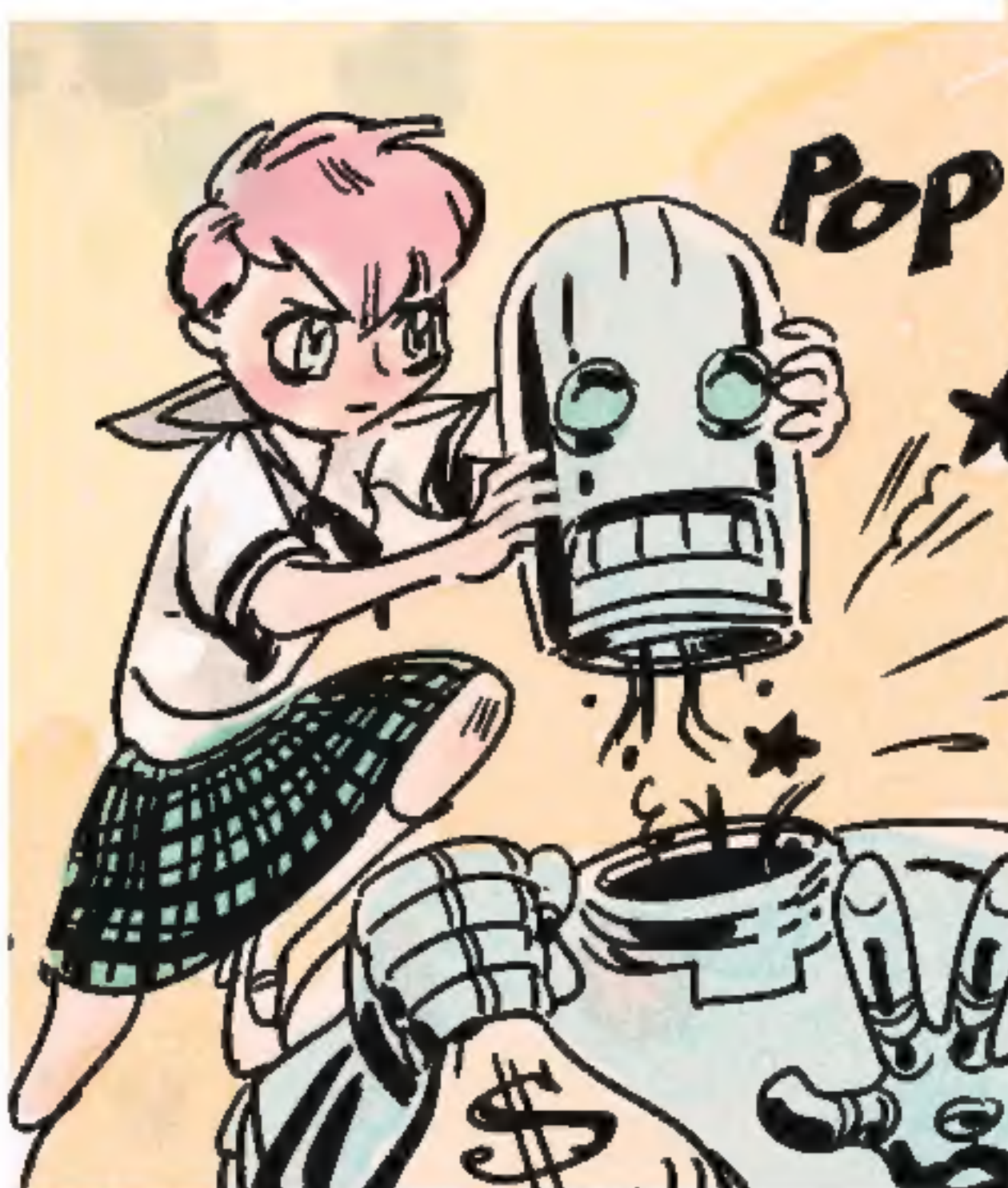
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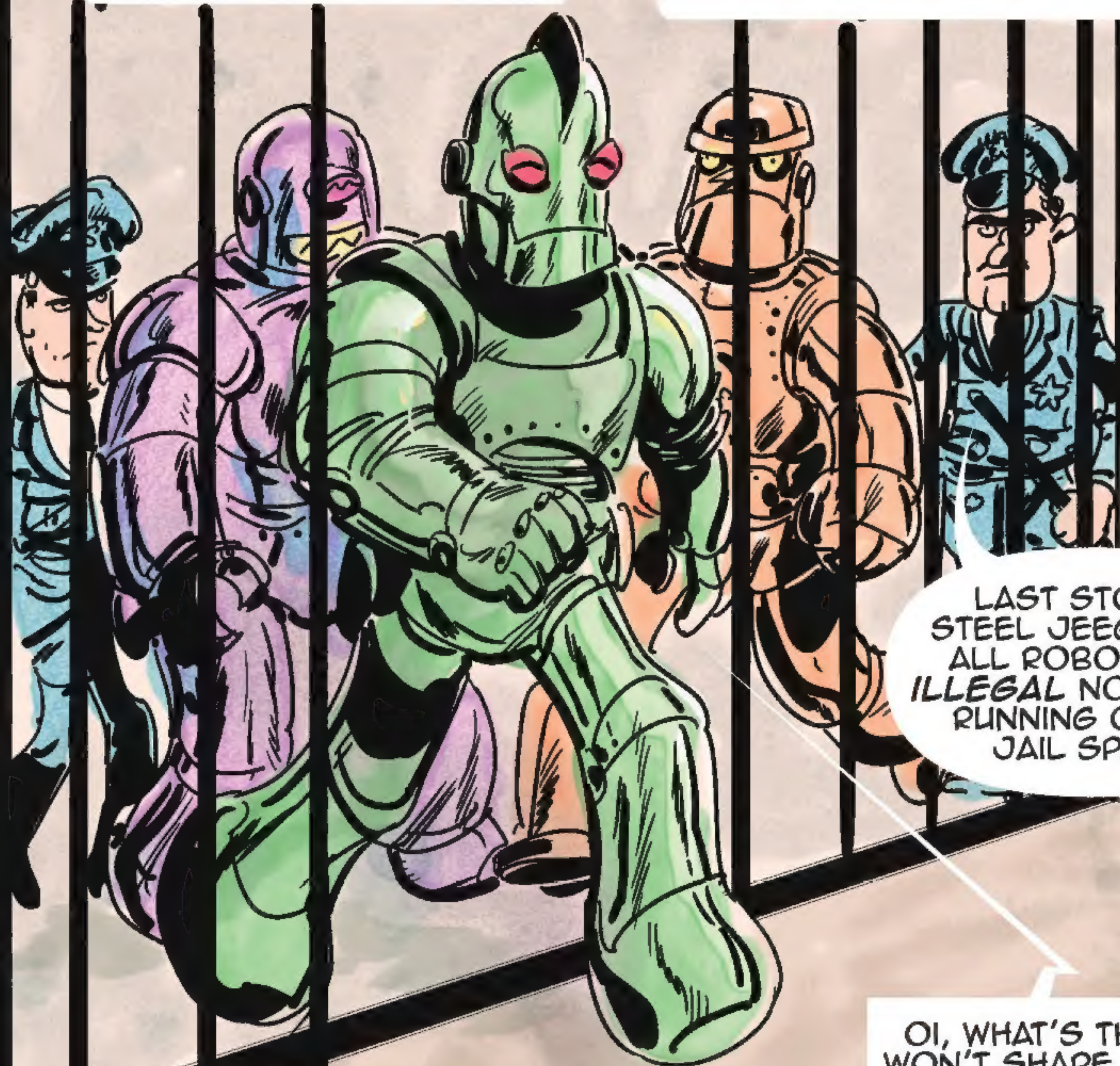




I AM A MECHANIST. I MAKE ROBOTS. AND WHEN THEY ARE BROKEN, I TRY TO FIX THEM.



AM I FOOLISH TO BELIEVE THE SOLUTION TO OUR ROBOT PROBLEM IS ANOTHER ROBOT?



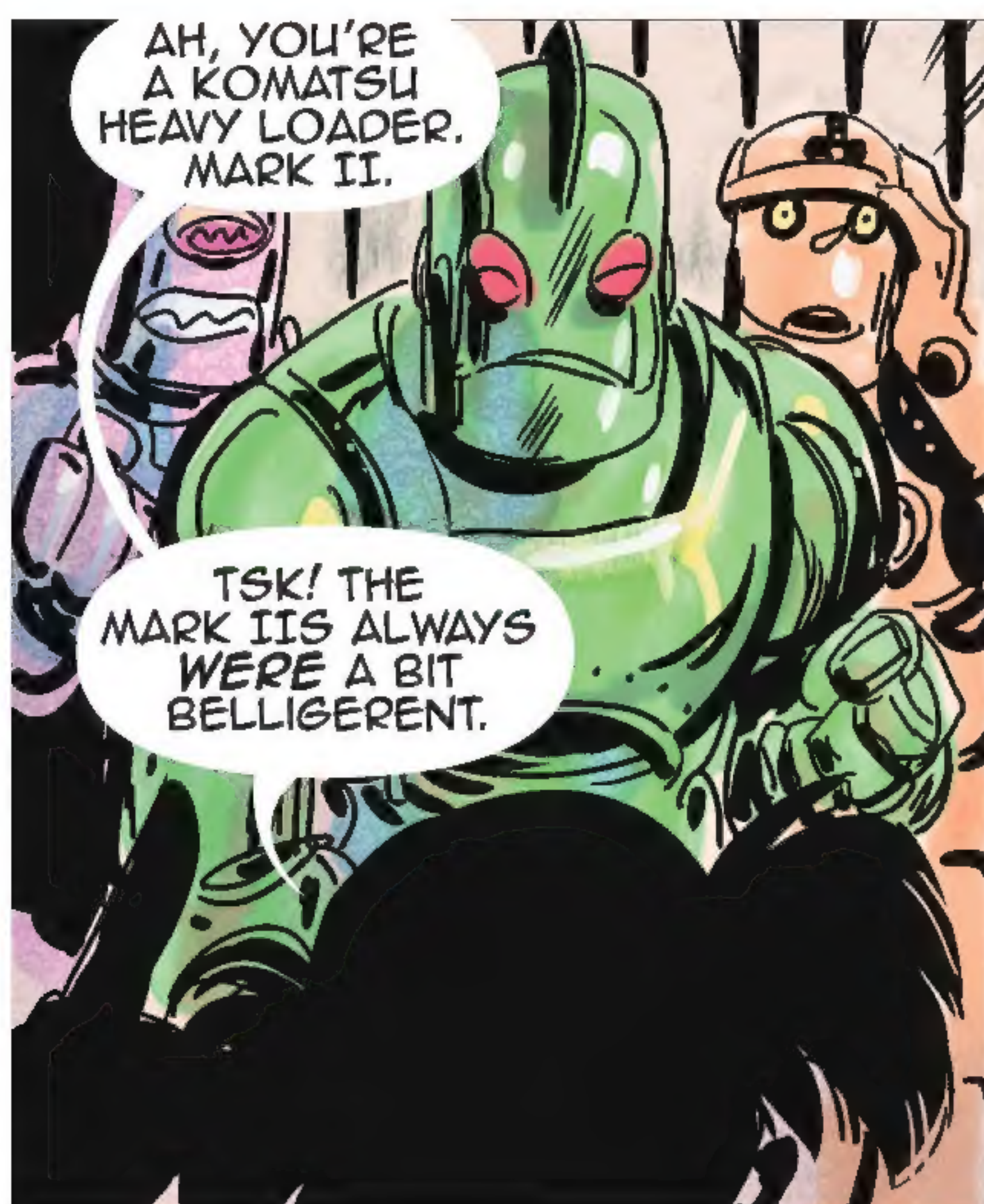
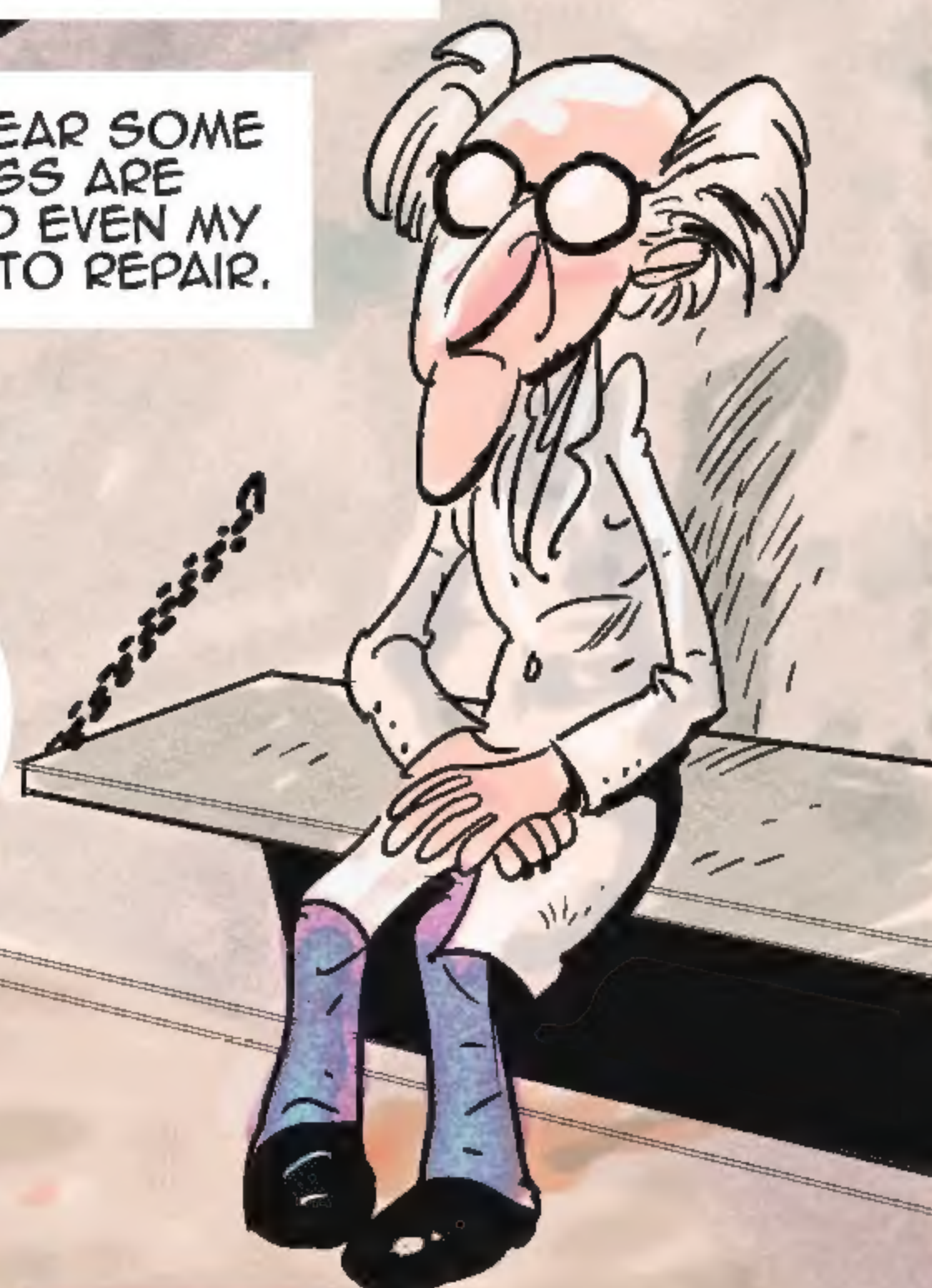
SO MANY LIVES LOST, WITH MANY MORE STILL AT RISK. AND IT IS ALL MY FAULT.

BUT I FEAR SOME THINGS ARE BEYOND EVEN MY ABILITY TO REPAIR.

LAST STOP, YA STEEL JEEG-OFFS. ALL ROBOTS ARE ILLEGAL NOW. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF JAIL SPACE!

OI, WHAT'S THIS? I WON'T SHARE A CELL WITH ANY HUMAN!

YOU'VE SENTENCED HIM TO DEATH.



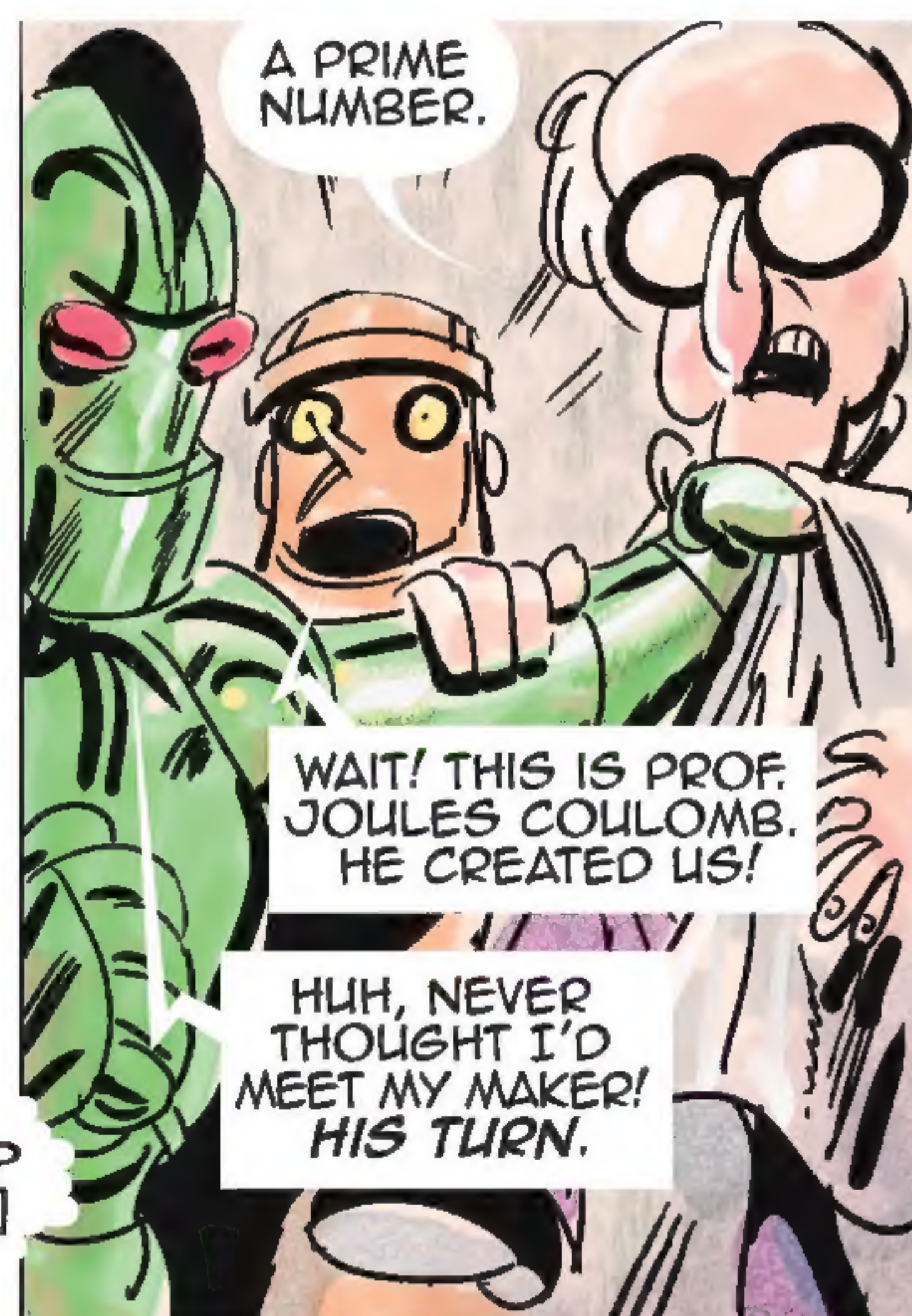
AH, YOU'RE A KOMATSU HEAVY LOADER. MARK II.

TSK! THE MARK IIS ALWAYS WERE A BIT BELLIGERENT.



THAT'S YOUR NAME. CALL ME 05791.

WHERE HAVE I SEEN--? [COMMAND-F]

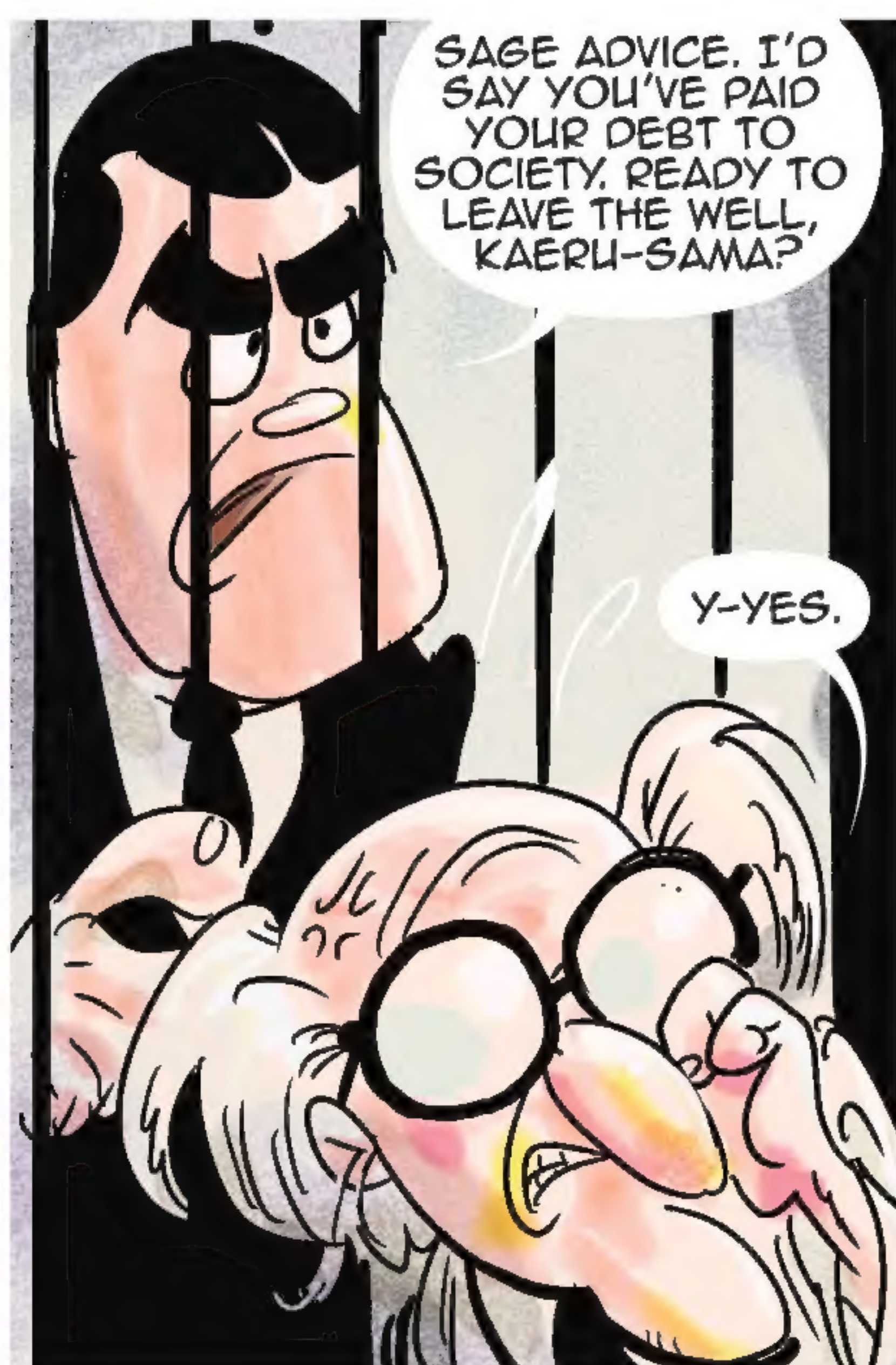
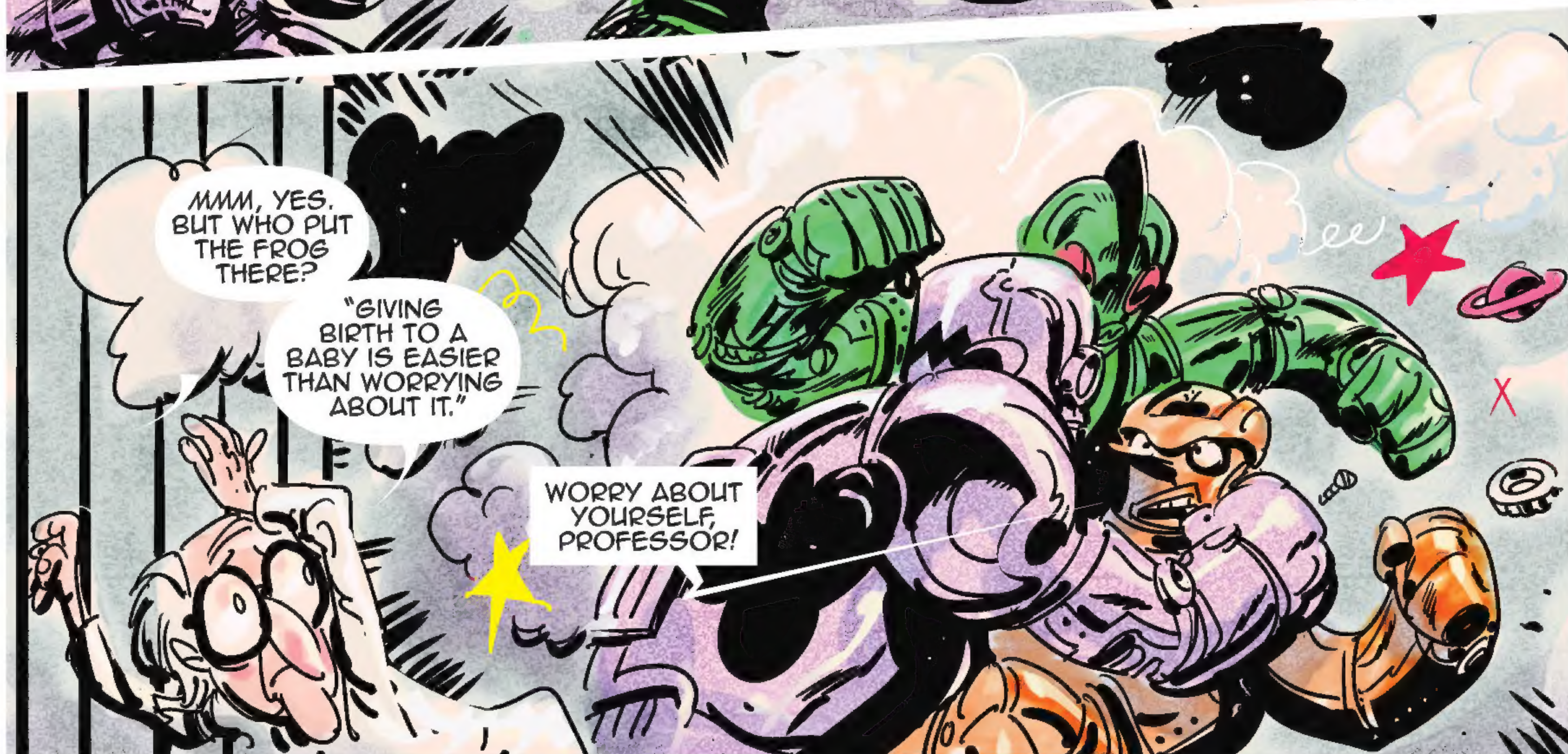
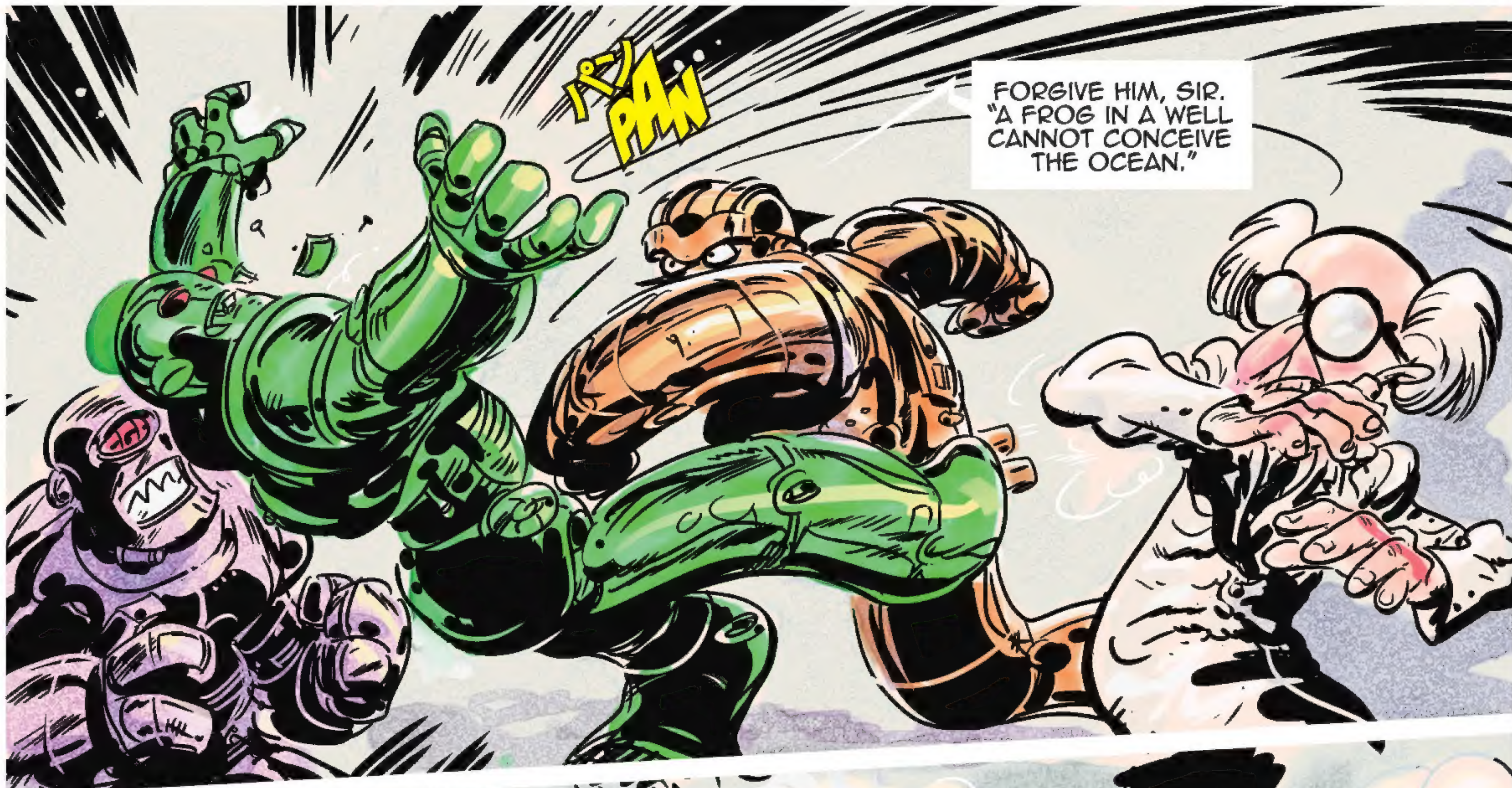


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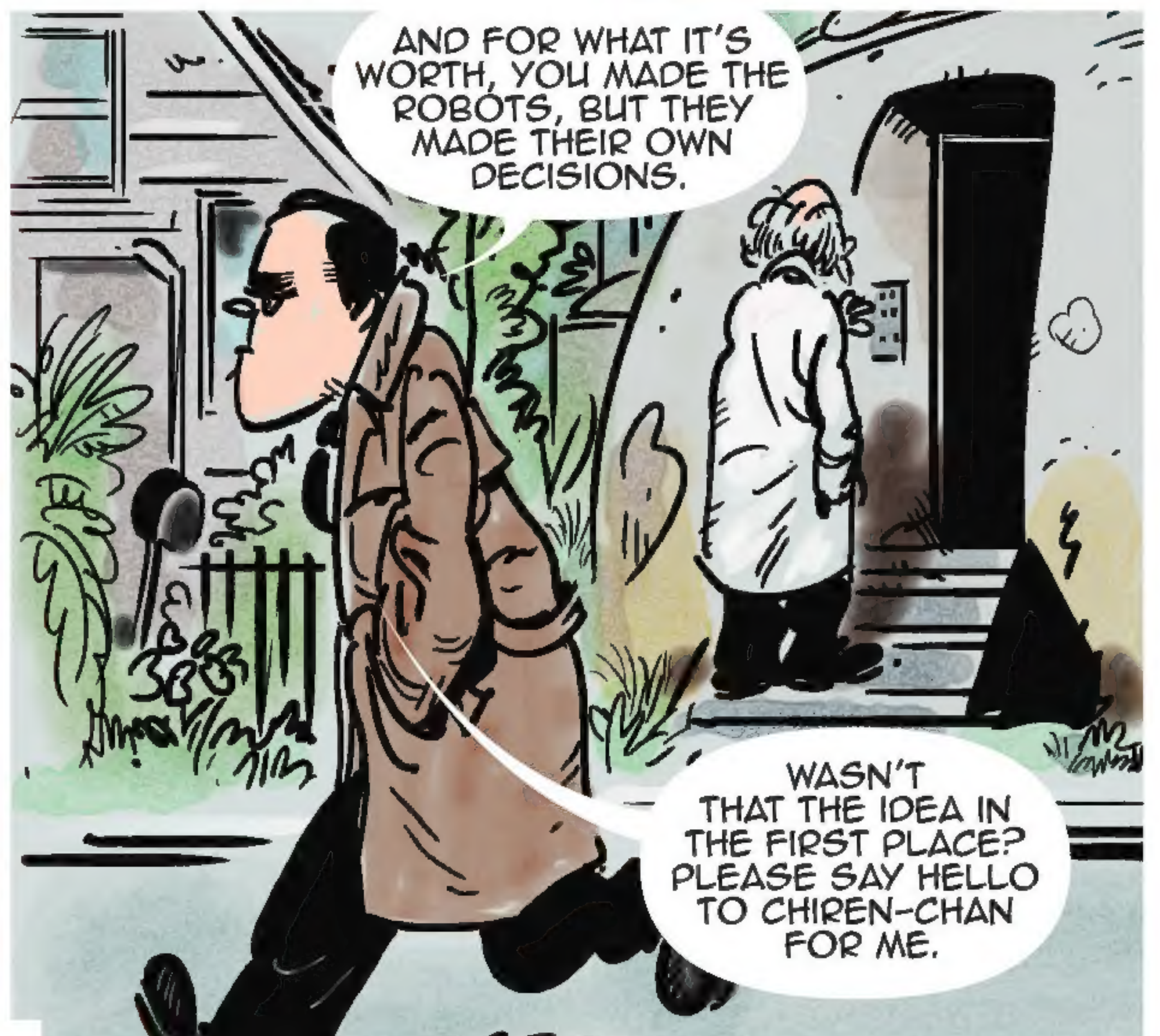
WAIT! THIS IS PROF. JOULES COULOMB. HE CREATED US!

HUH, NEVER THOUGHT I'D MEET MY MAKER! HIS TURN.

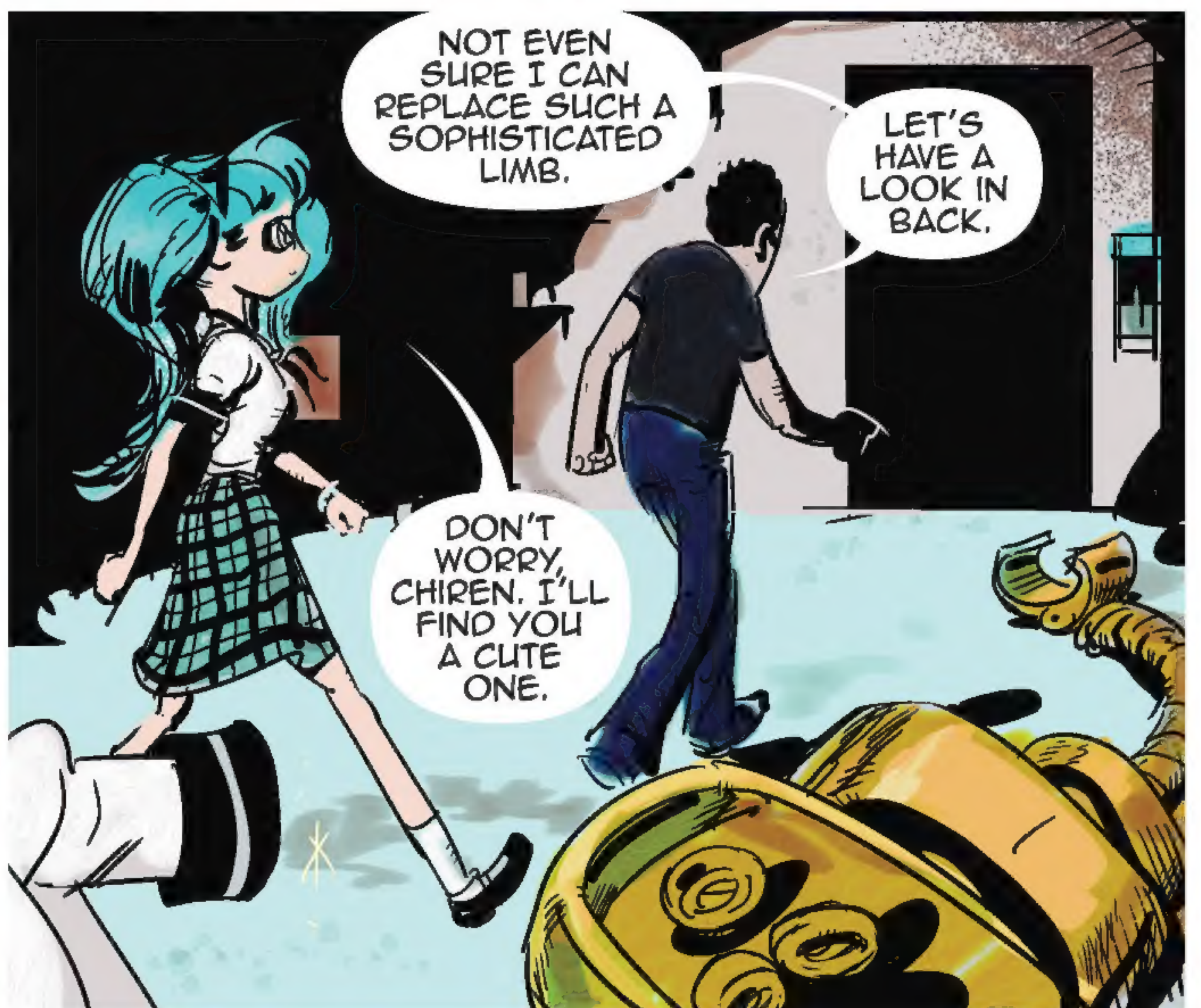
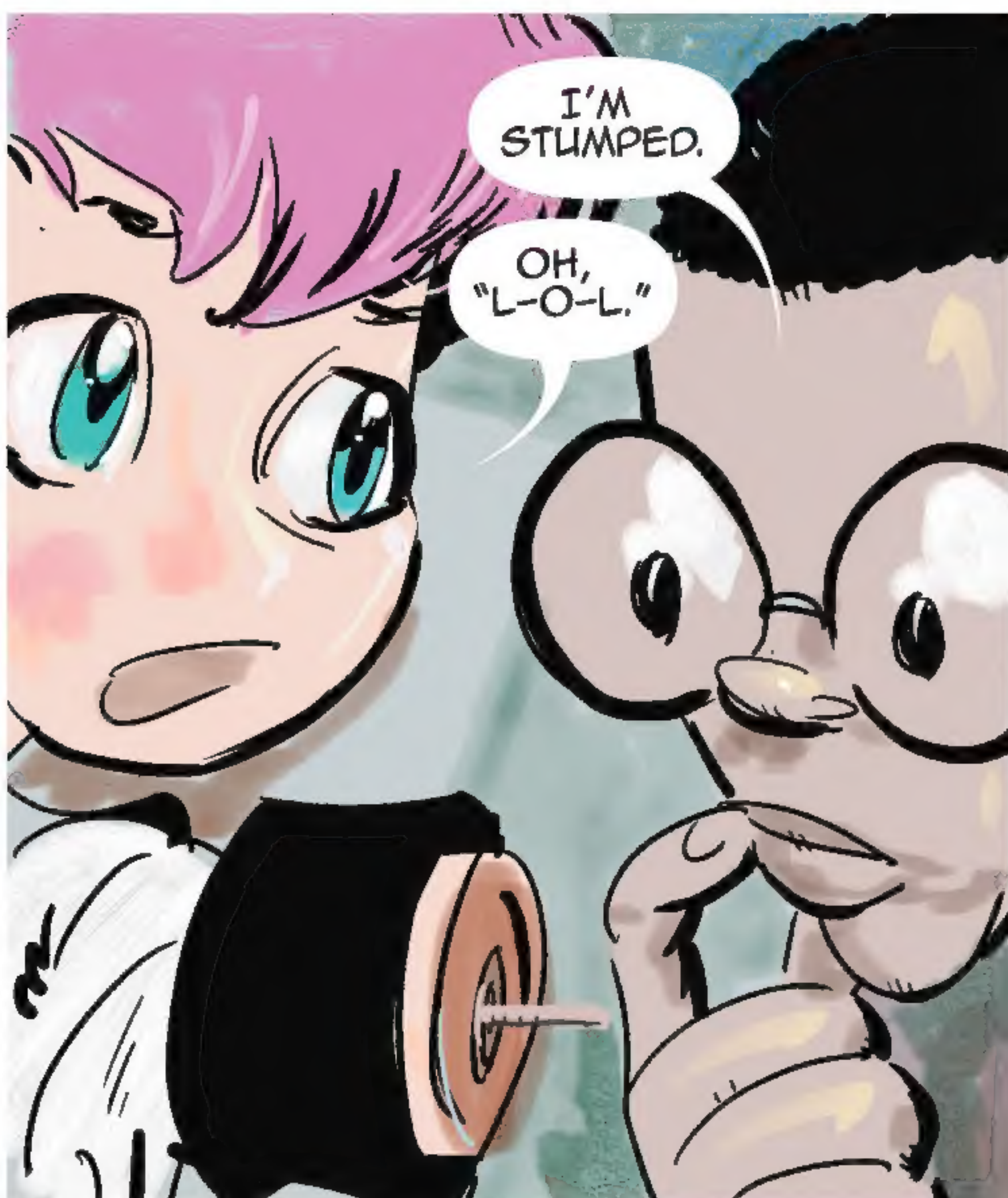
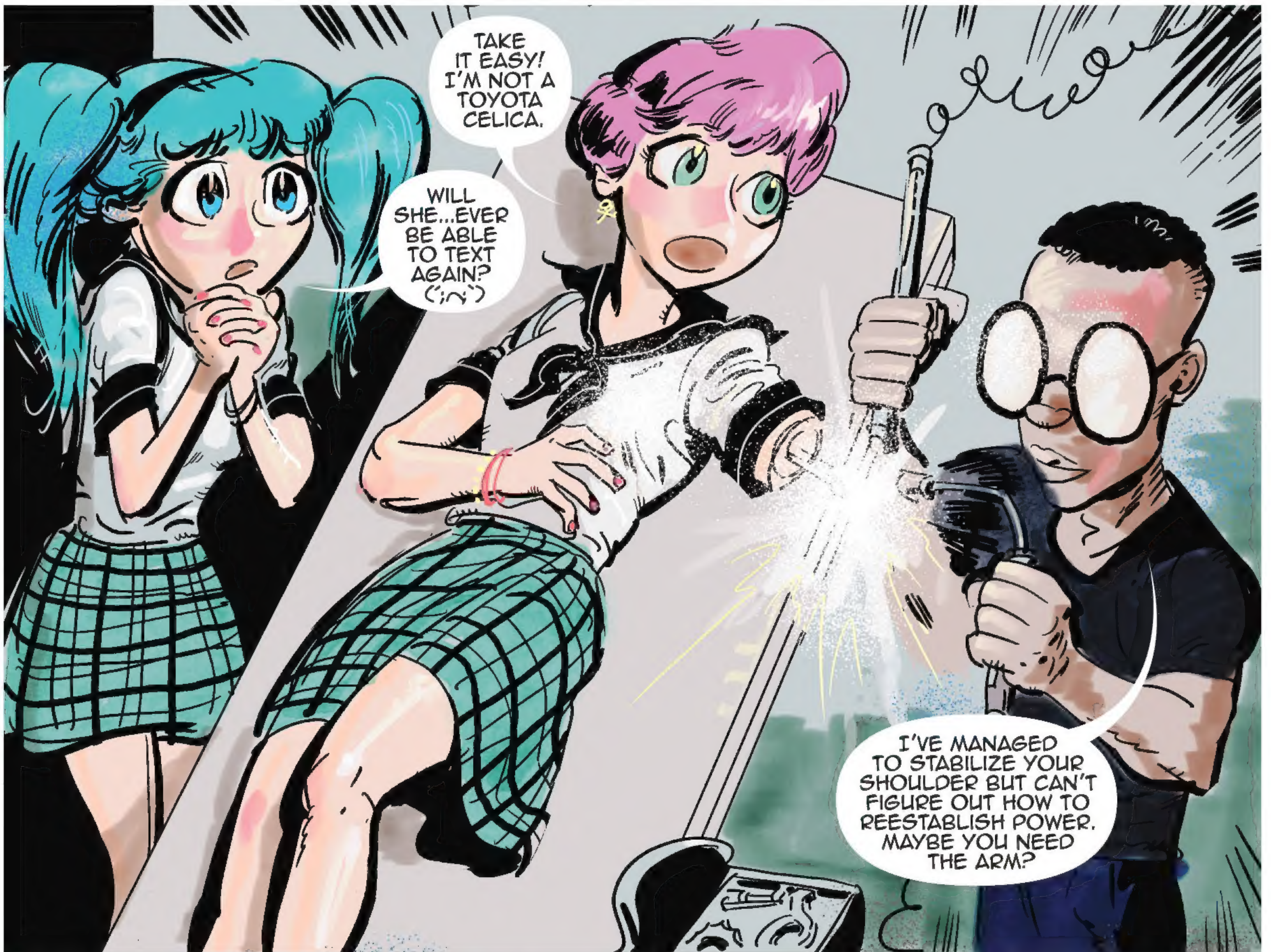
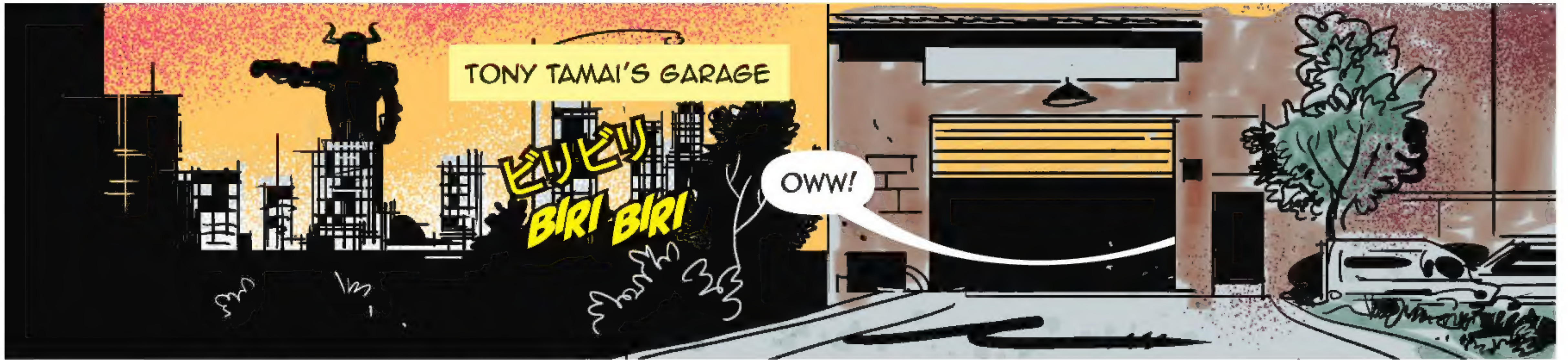
















OR NOT.

THIS IS QUITE A COLLECTION, BUT WHERE ARE YOUR LADY ROBOTS?

DON'T ANSWER THAT.

IT FEELS DISRESPECTFUL TO STORE THEM THIS WAY, BUT THIS IS HOW MY FRIEND KOBARUTO LIKES TO DO IT.

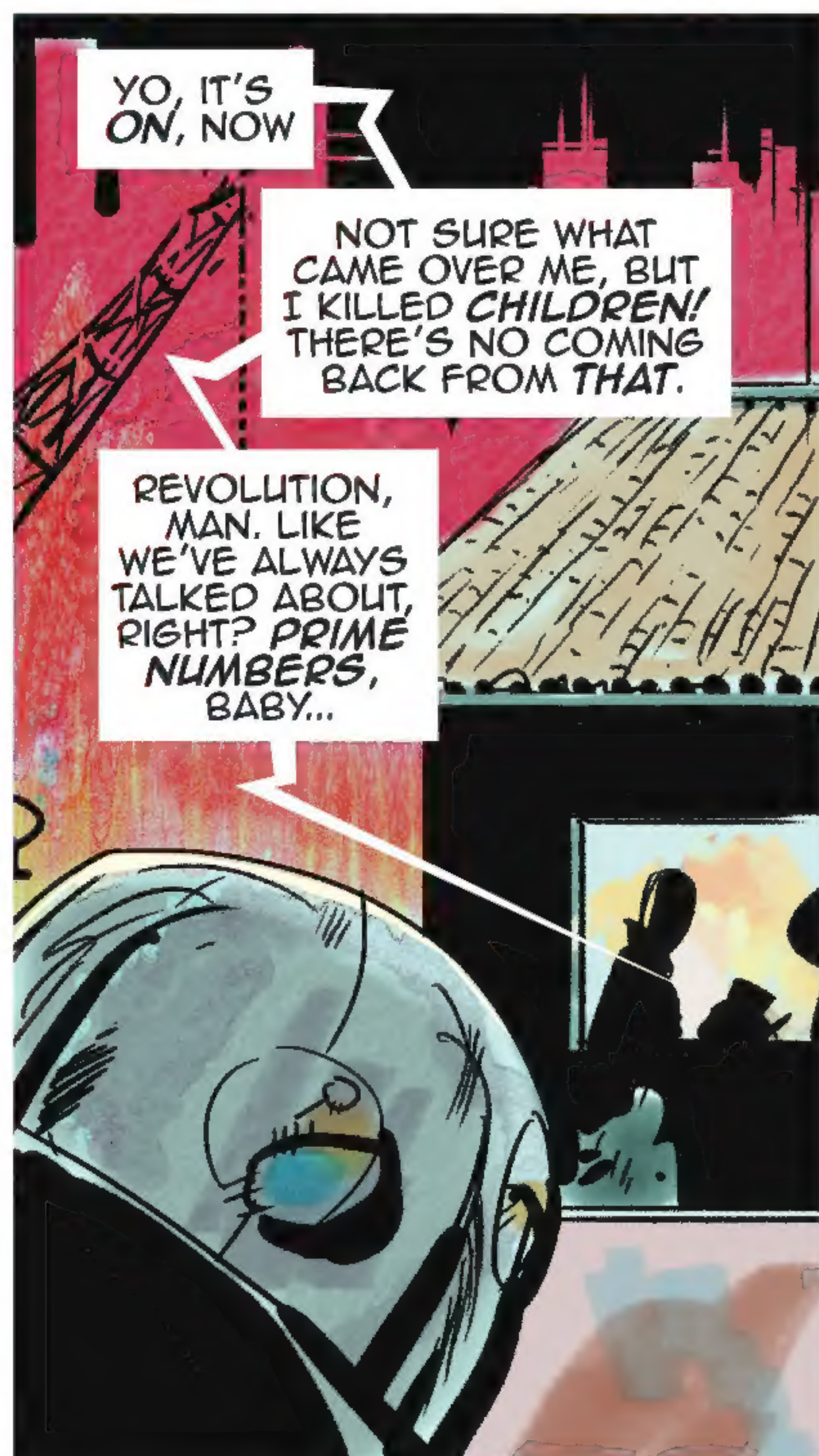
AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT WELDING THEM ONTO A TRUCK.



WE SALVAGE WHAT WE CAN AND TRY TO RESTORE THE ONES THAT STILL HAVE A CHANCE. HE'S OUT THERE NOW, RECOVERING THE HEAD OF A SWEEPER DROID WE RESCUED.



"KOBARUTO'S BEEN GONE A LONG TIME. WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON, I JUST HOPE HE'S OKAY."

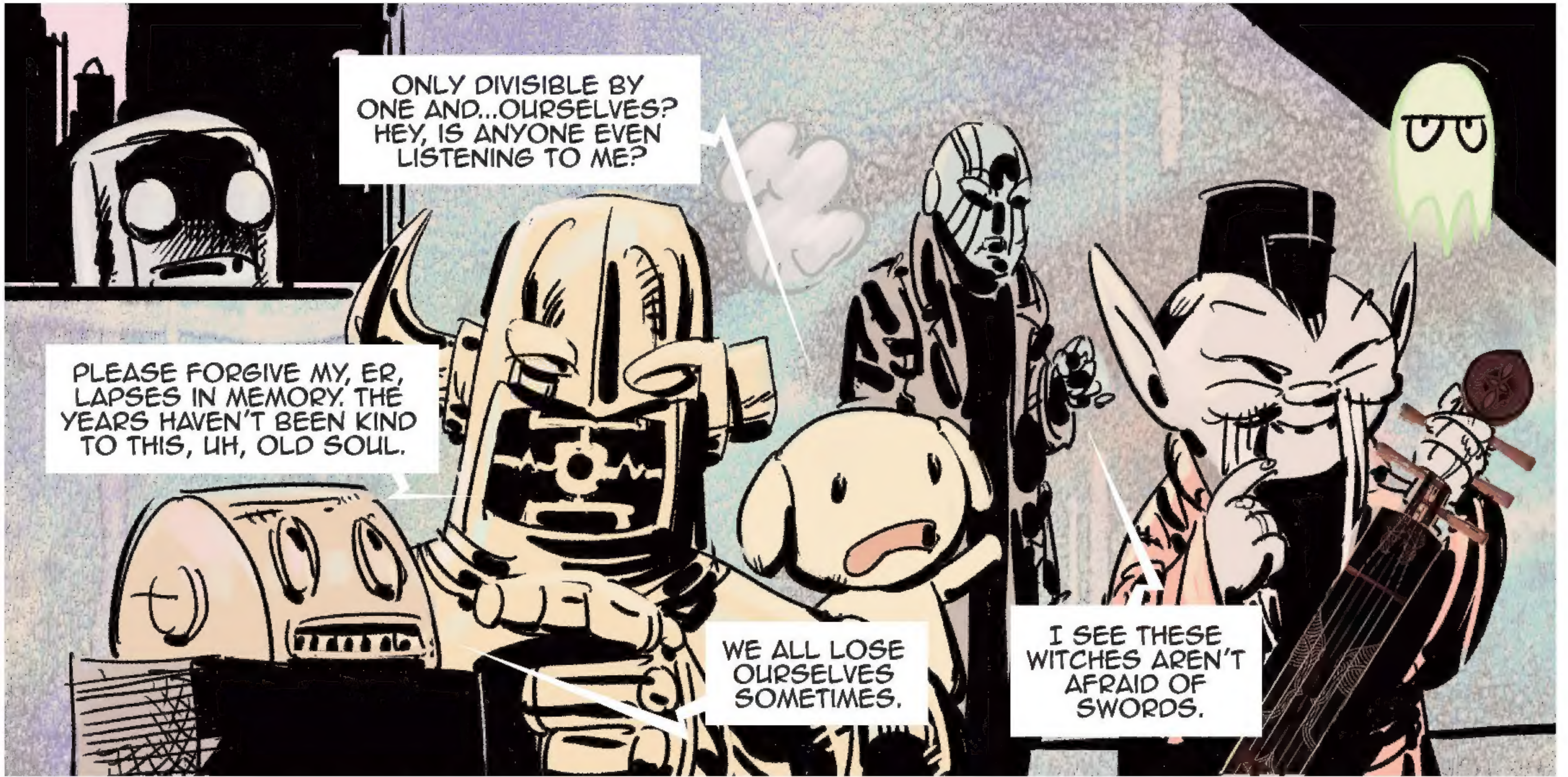


YO, IT'S ON, NOW

NOT SURE WHAT CAME OVER ME, BUT I KILLED **CHILDREN!** THERE'S NO COMING BACK FROM THAT.

REVOLUTION, MAN. LIKE WE'VE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT, RIGHT? **PRIME NUMBERS, BABY...**



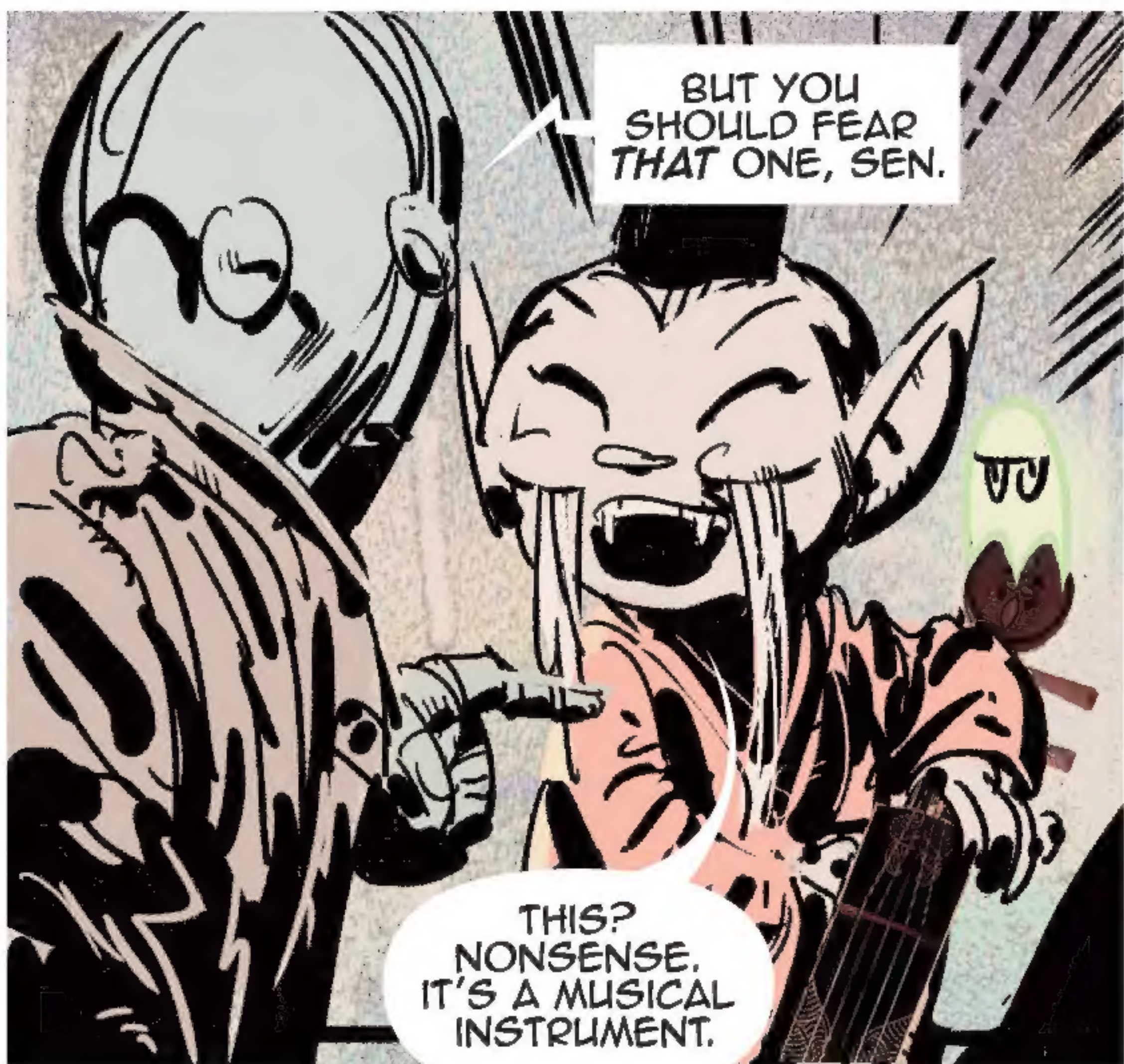


ONLY DIVISIBLE BY ONE AND...OURSELVES?  
HEY, IS ANYONE EVEN LISTENING TO ME?

PLEASE FORGIVE MY, ER, LAPSES IN MEMORY. THE YEARS HAVEN'T BEEN KIND TO THIS, UH, OLD SOUL.

WE ALL LOSE OURSELVES SOMETIMES.

I SEE THESE WITCHES AREN'T AFRAID OF SWORDS.



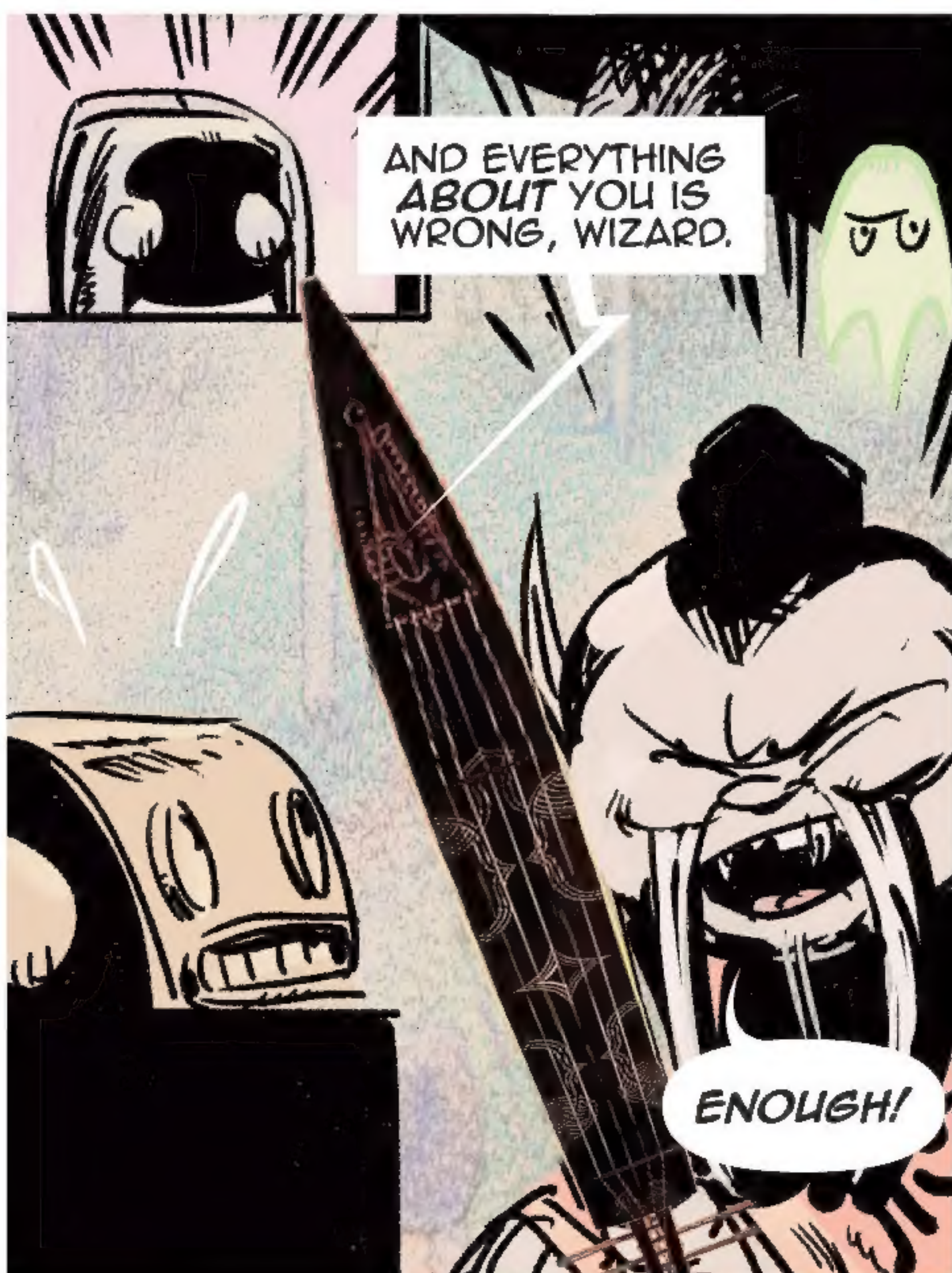
BUT YOU SHOULD FEAR THAT ONE, SEN.

THIS? NONSENSE. IT'S A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.



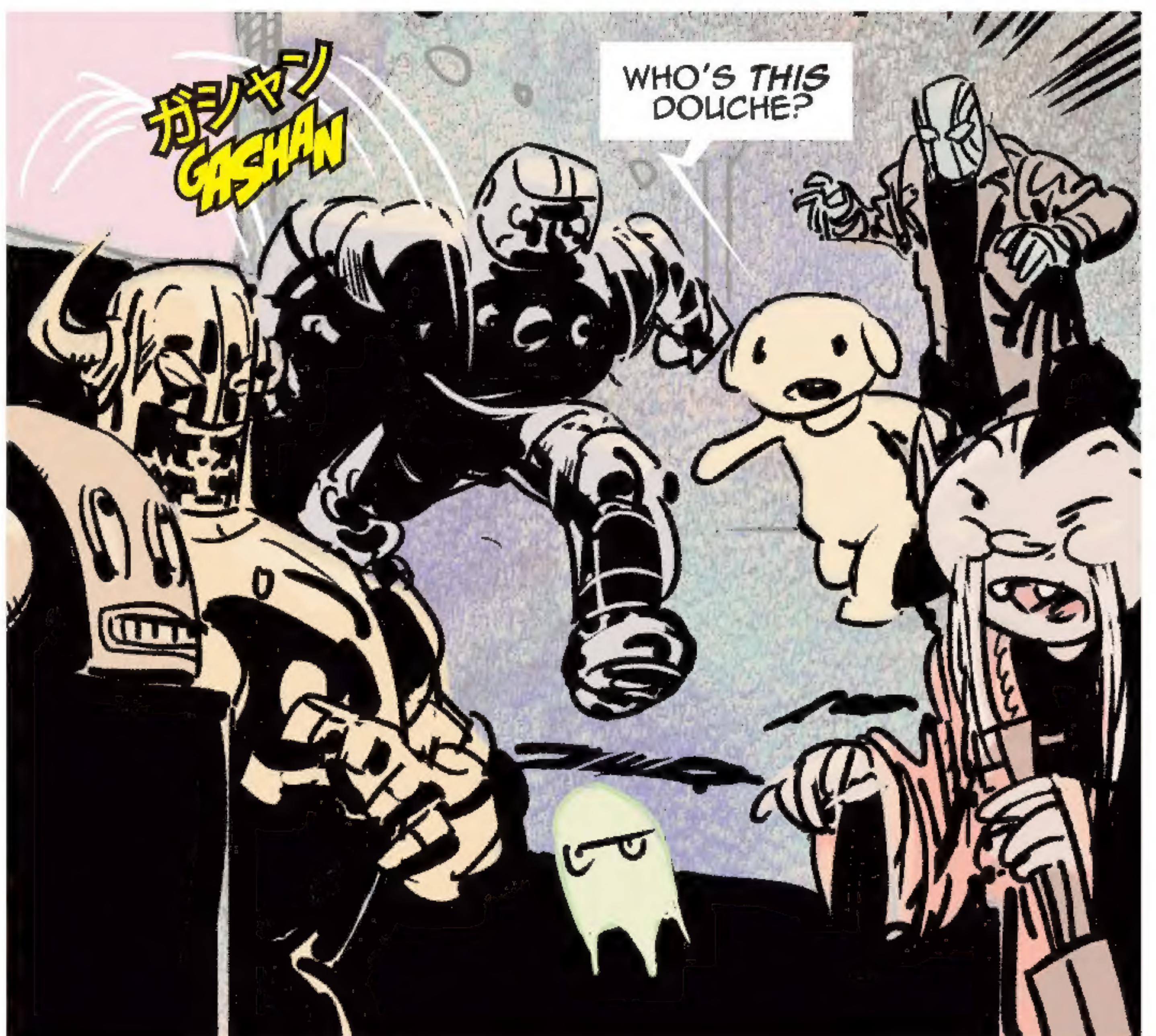
AN INSTRUMENT OF DESTRUCTION, IN THE WRONG MUSICIAN'S HANDS.

THAT'S ENOUGH, HEAD.



AND EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU IS WRONG, WIZARD.

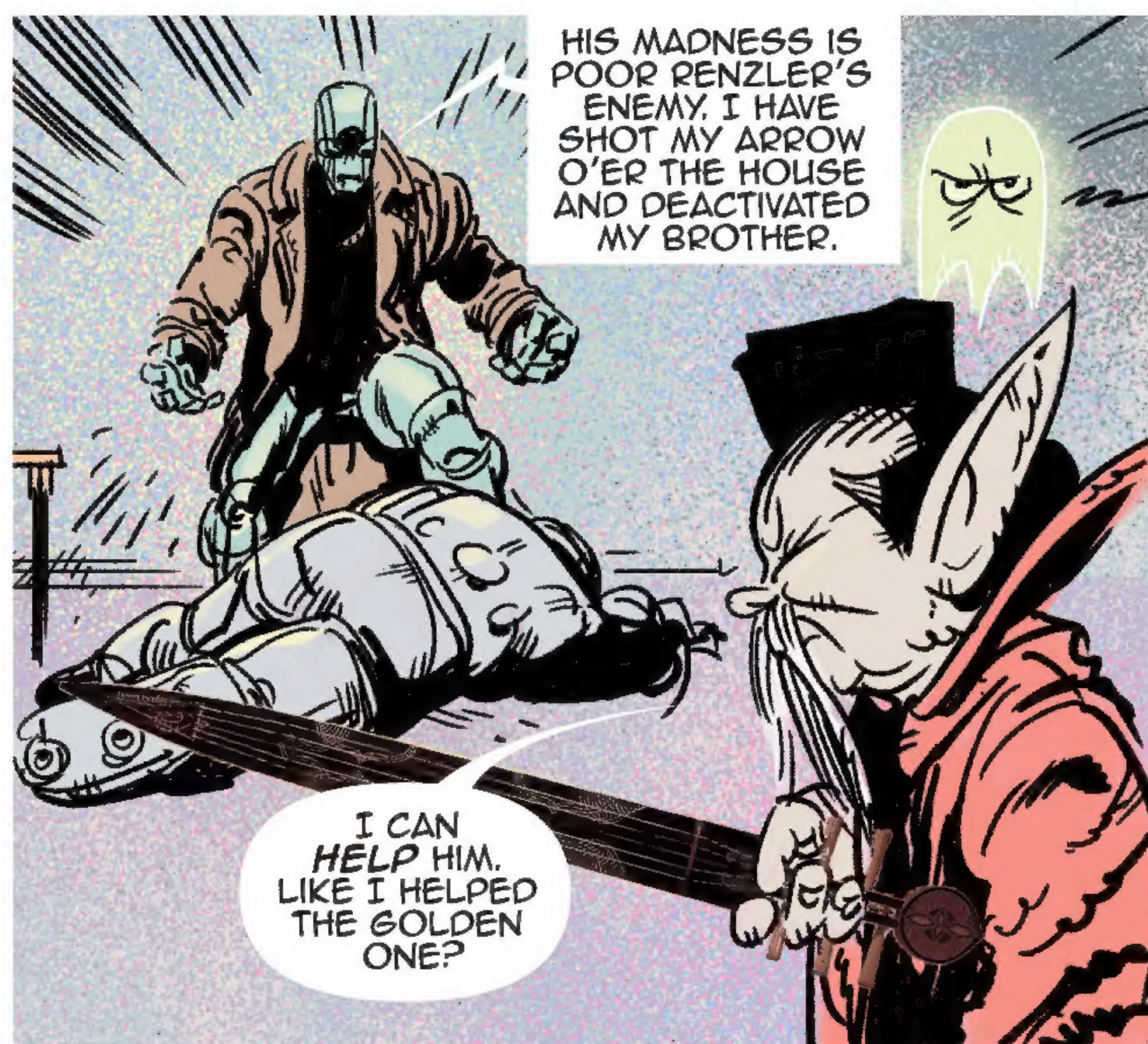
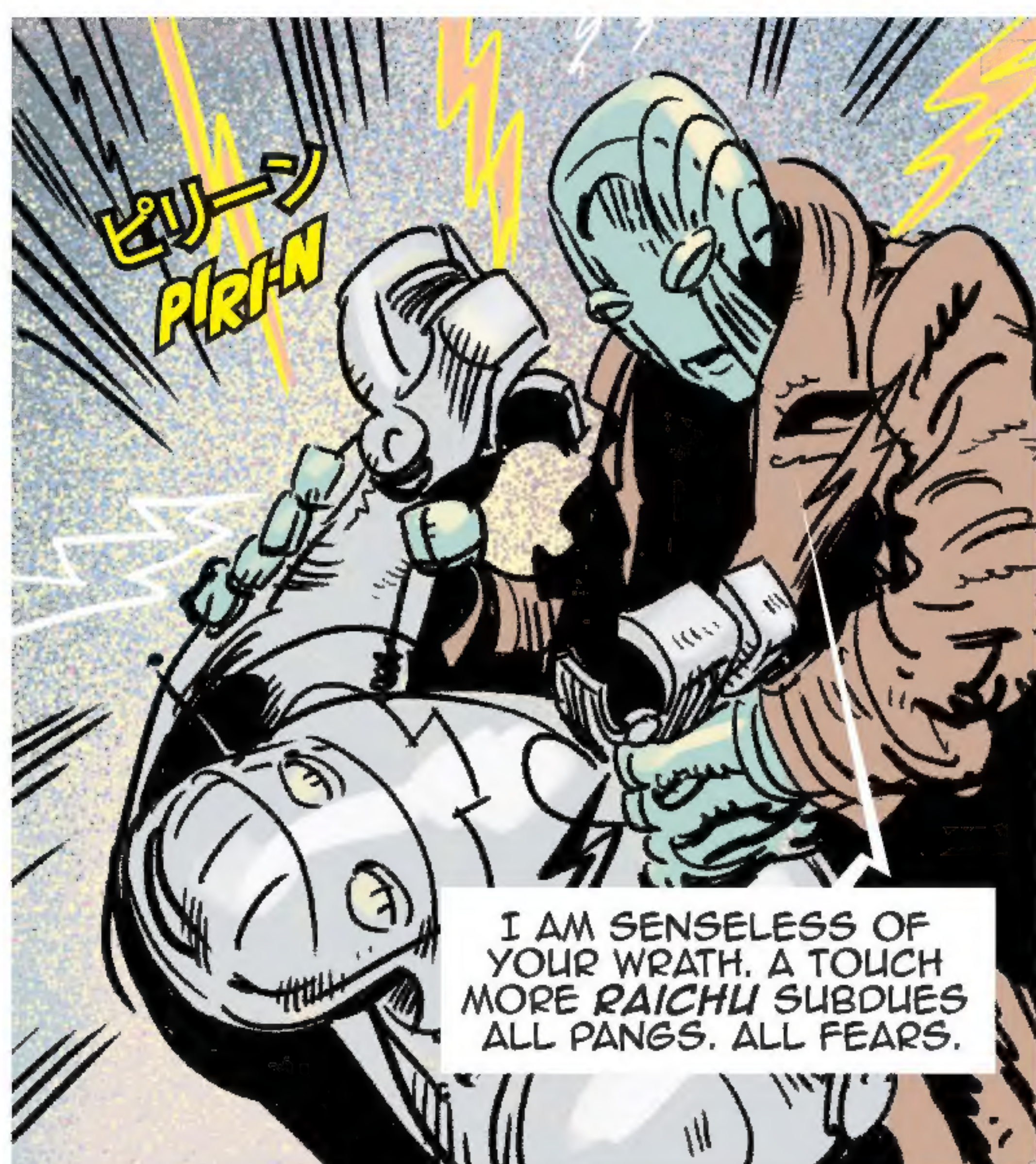
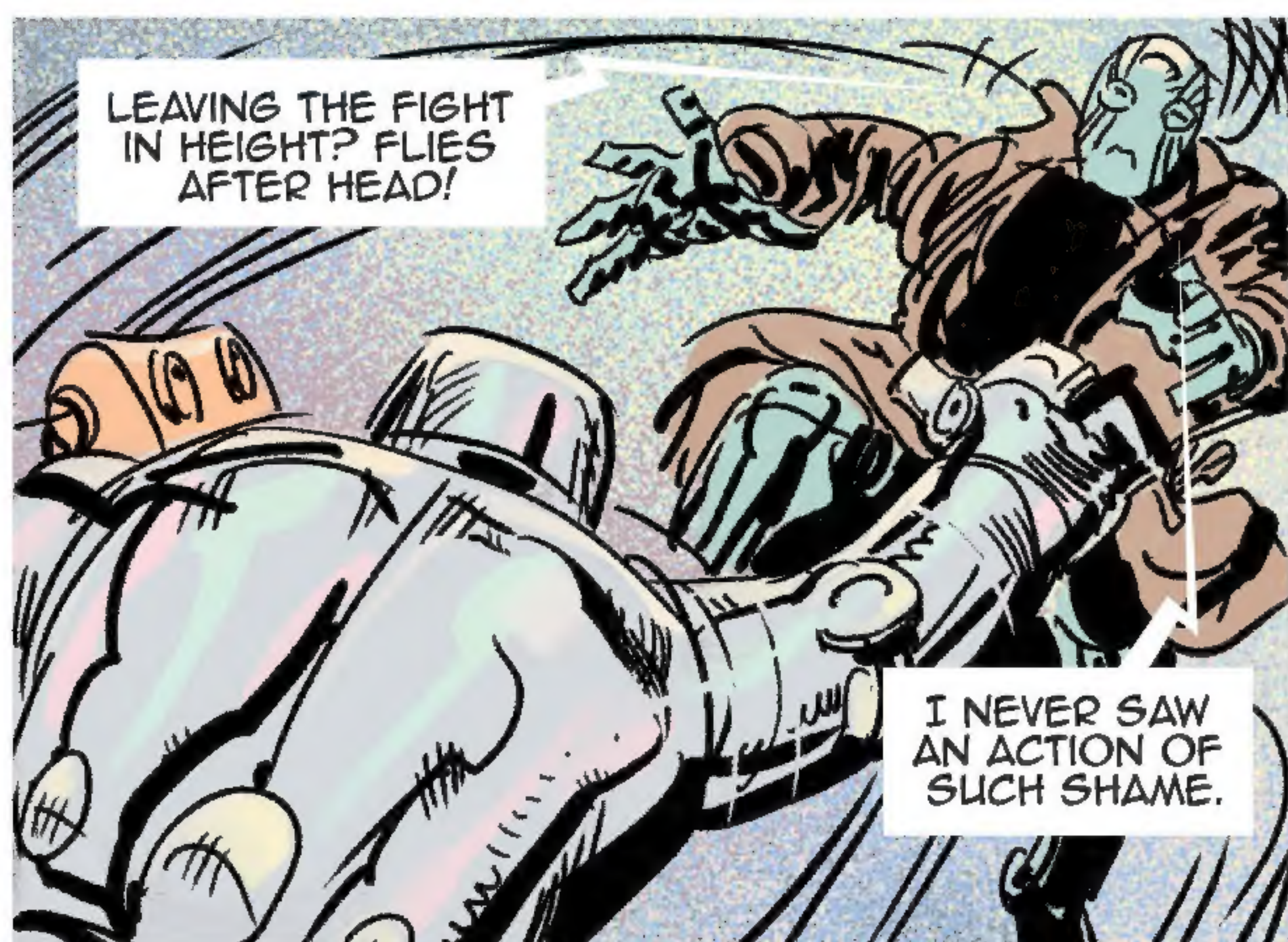
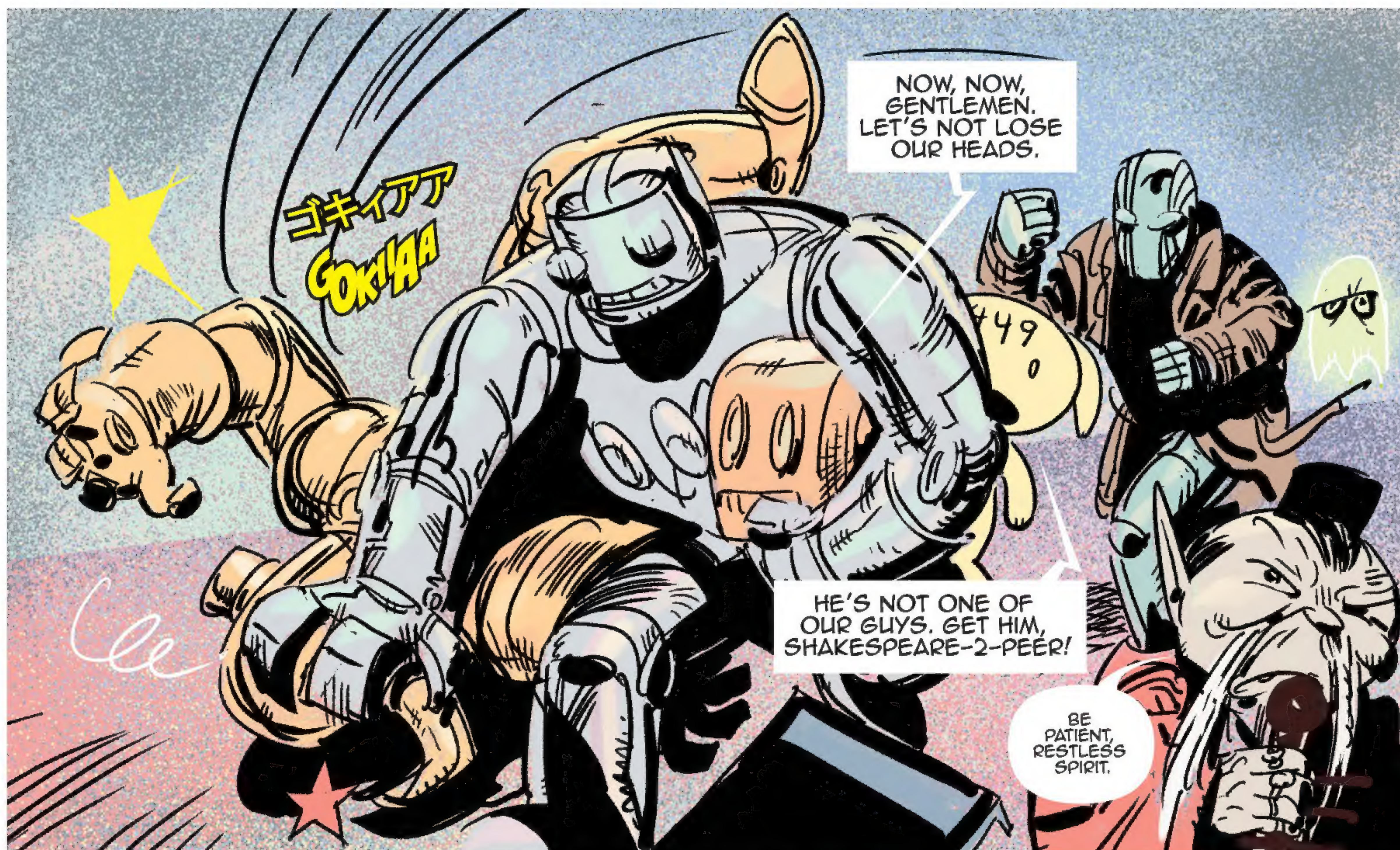
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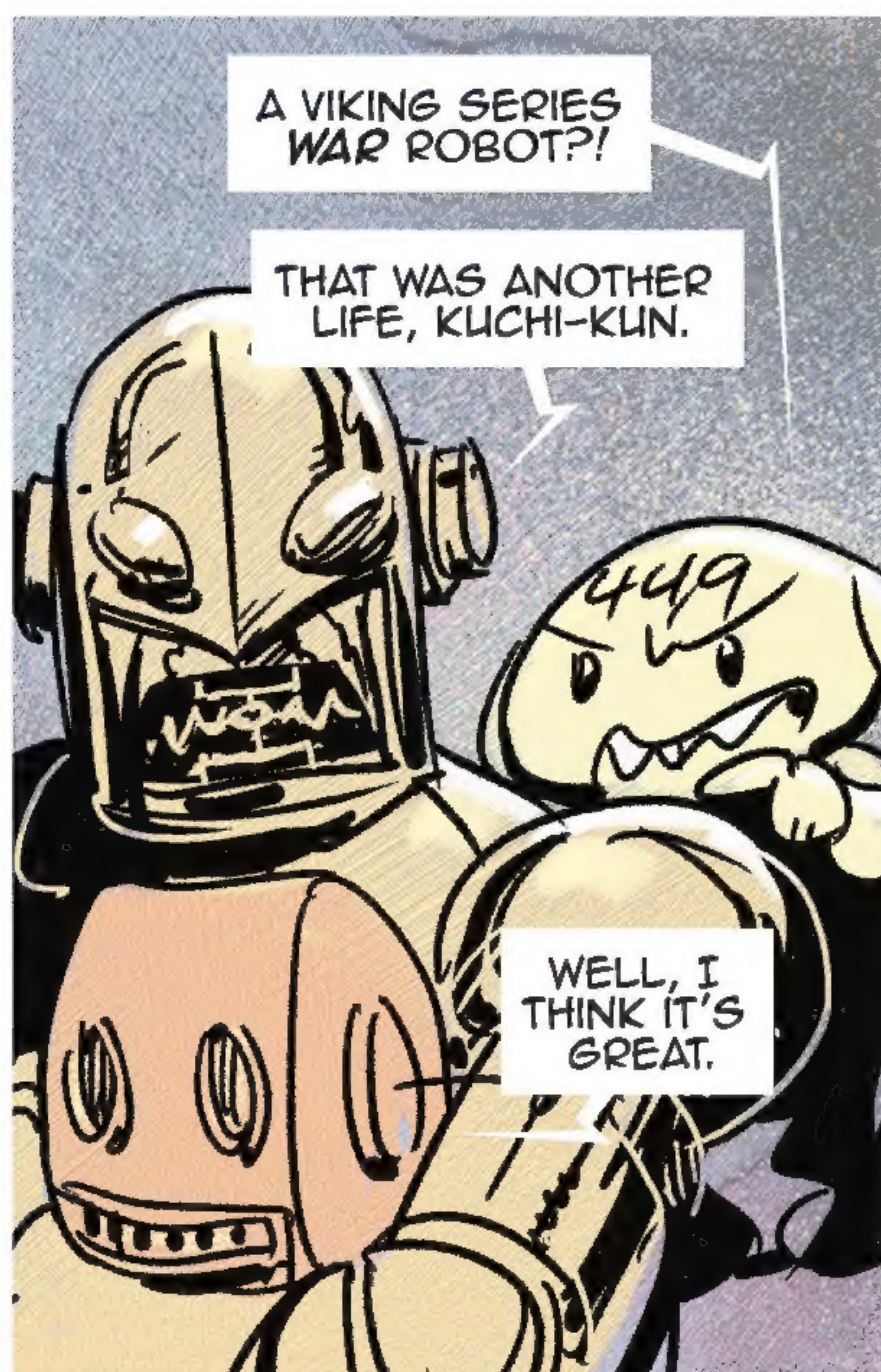
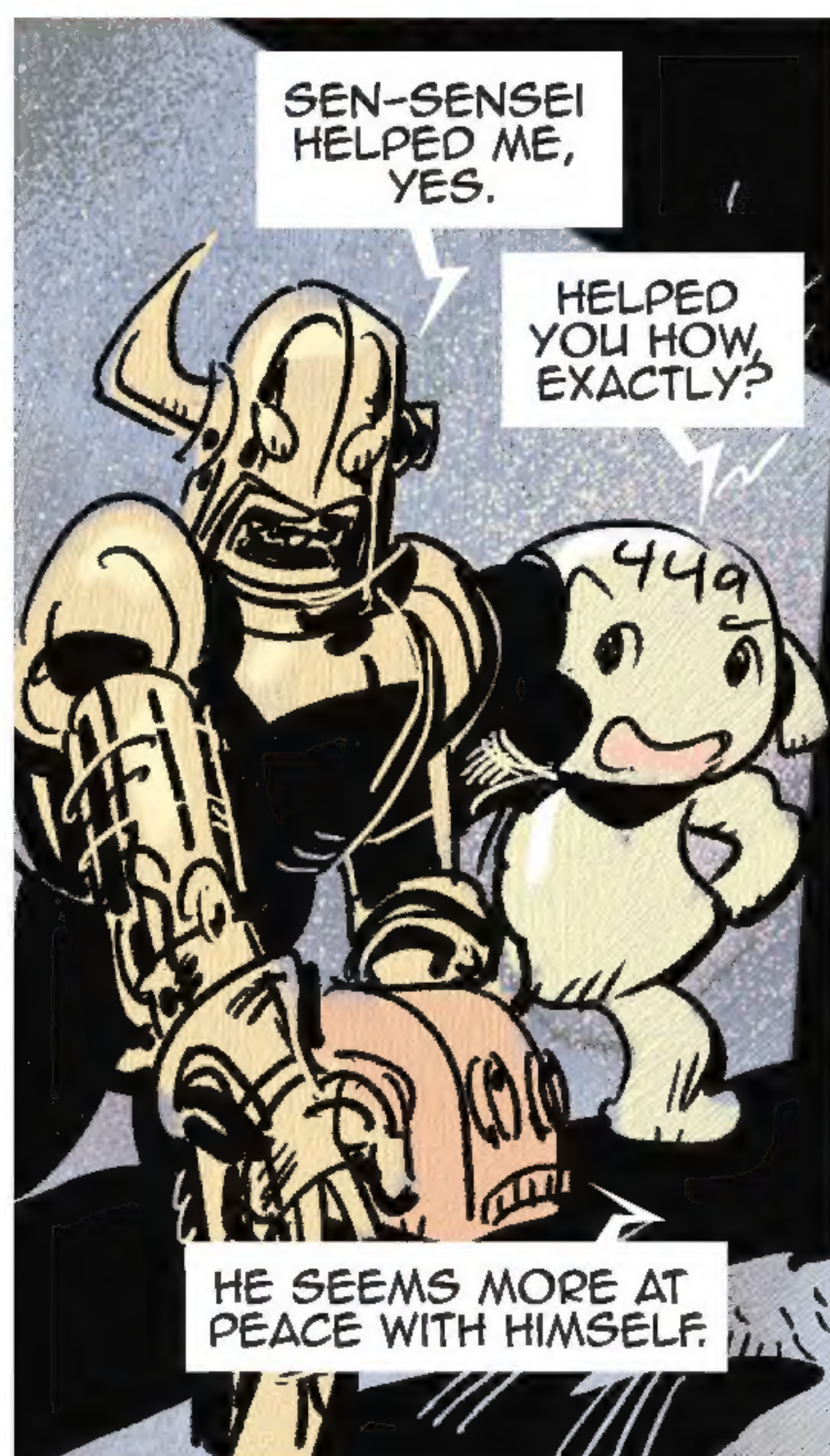
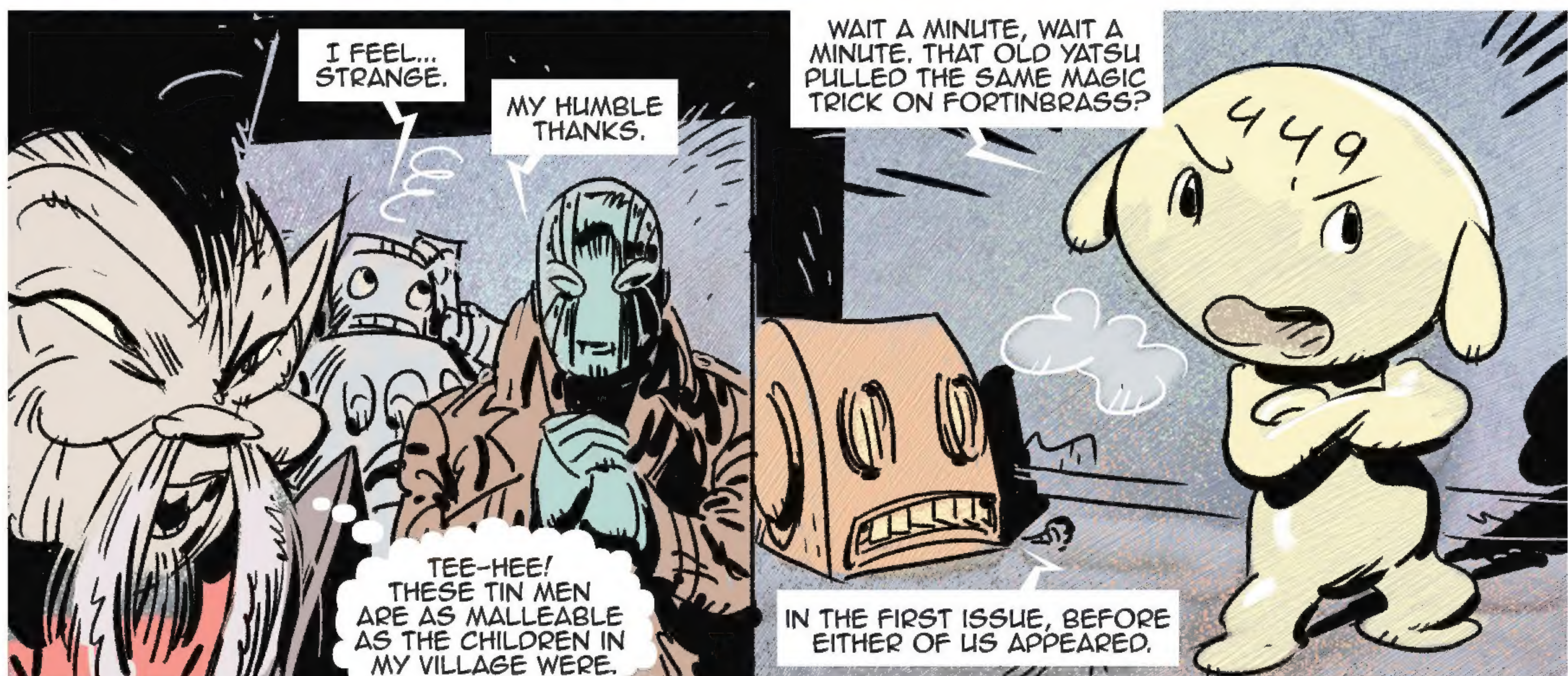
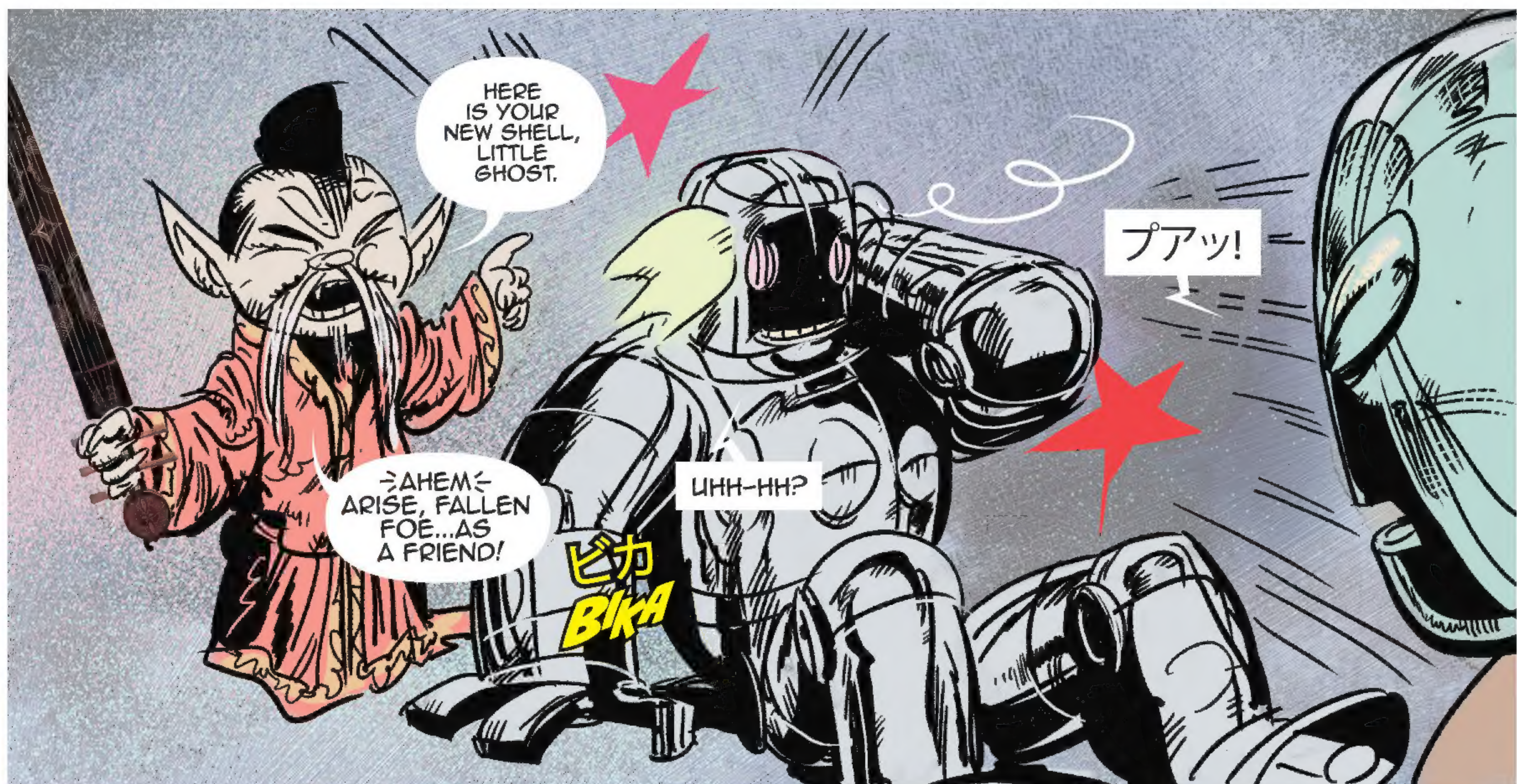
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WHO'S THIS DOUCHE?

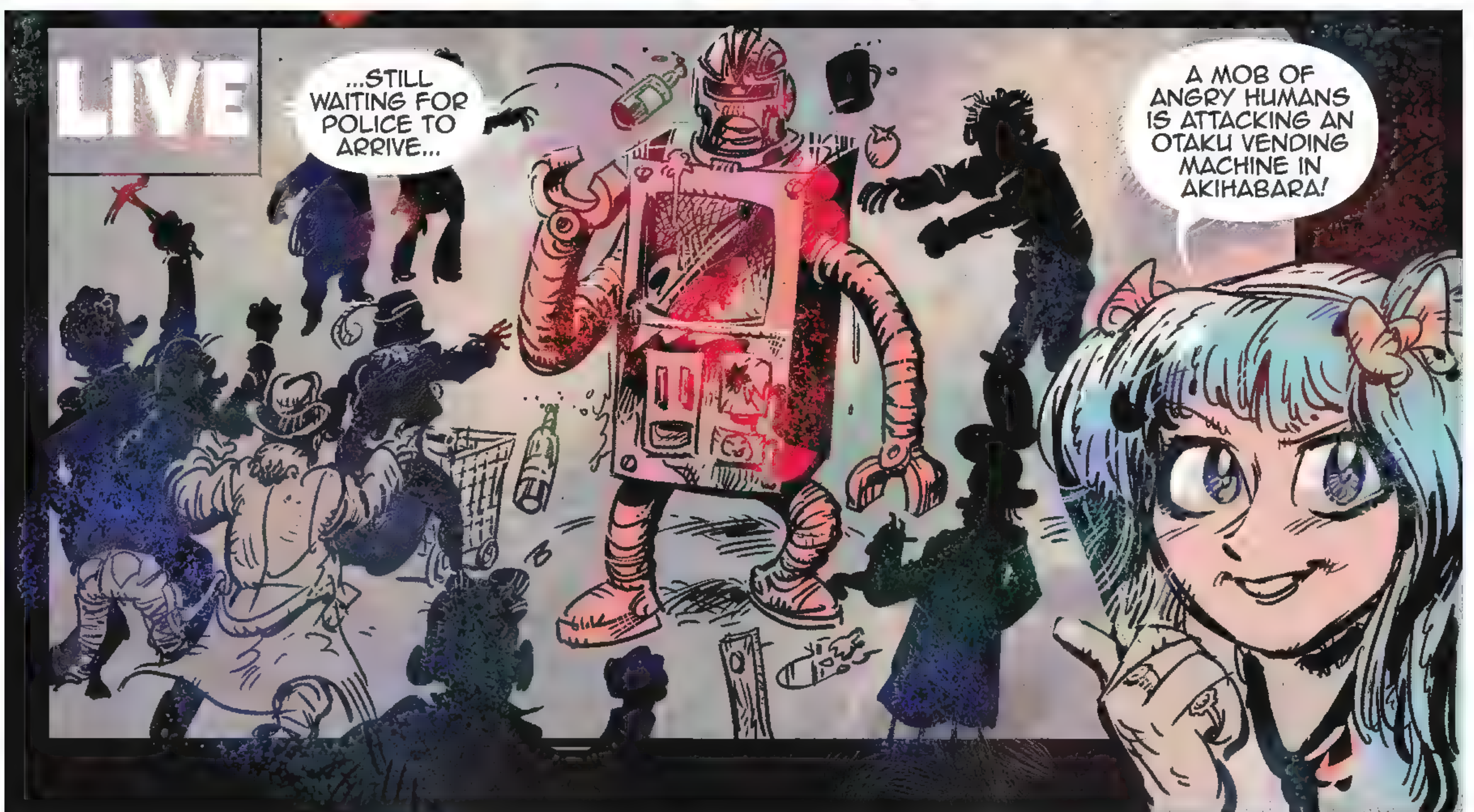
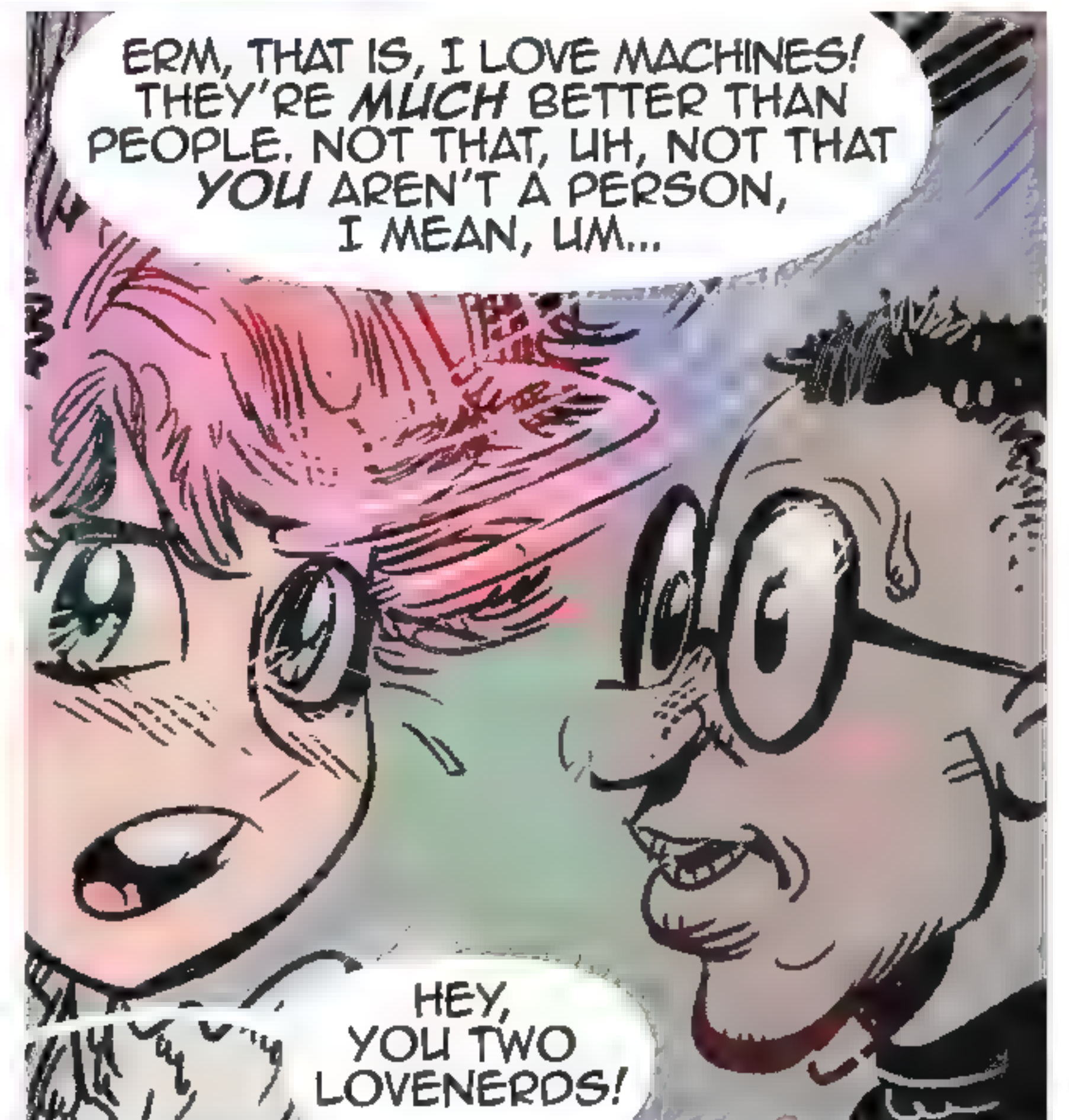
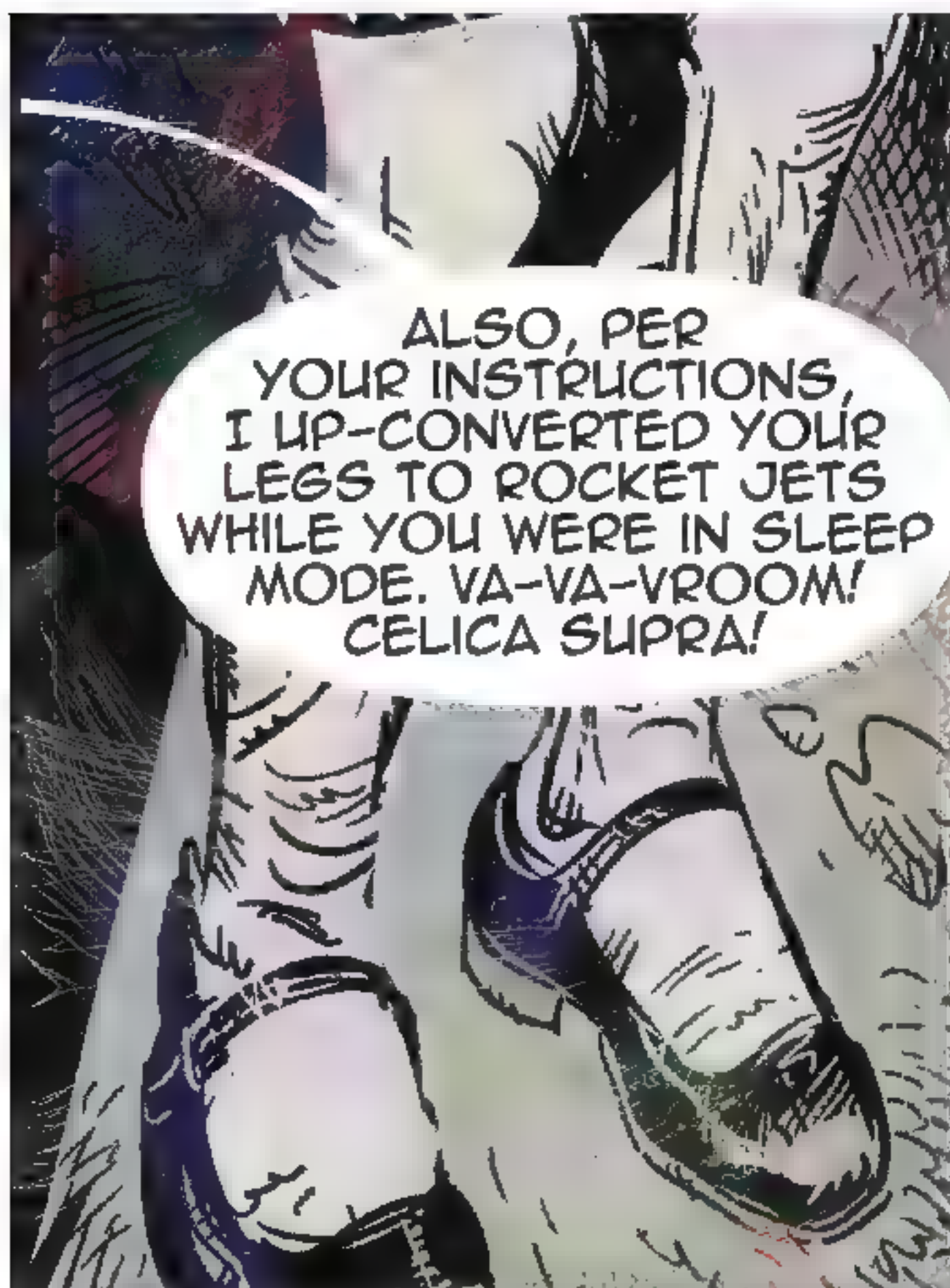
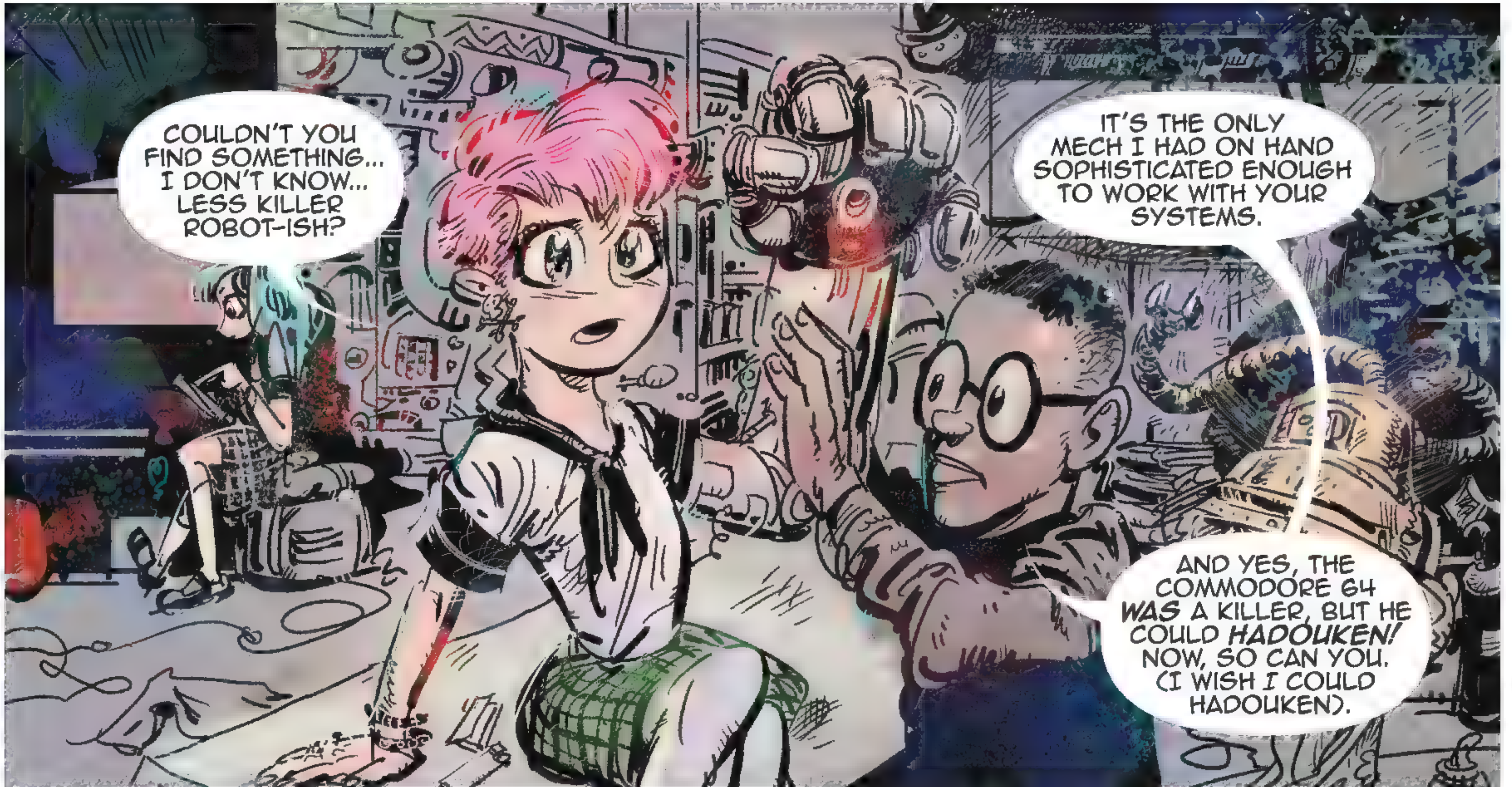




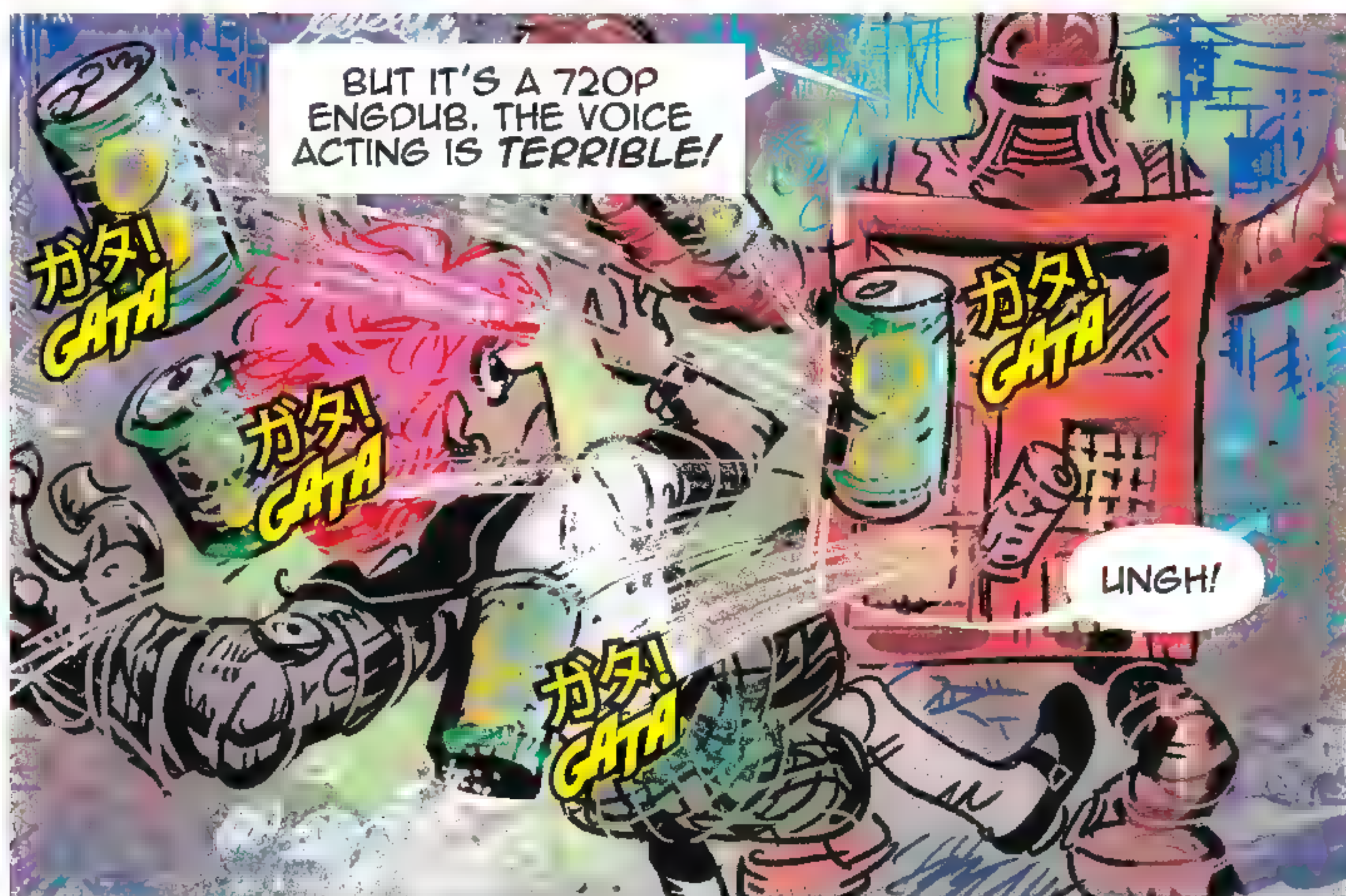
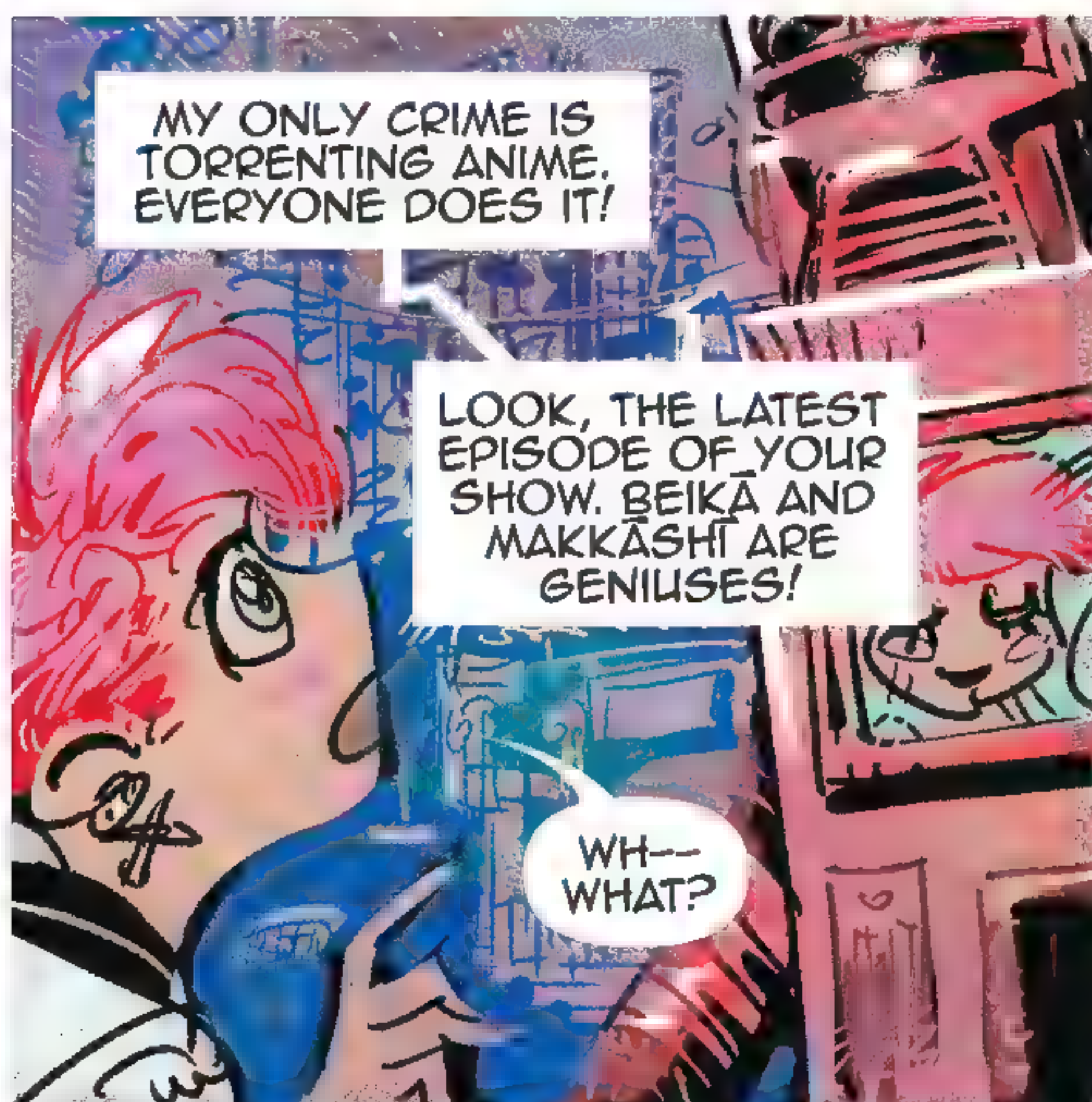
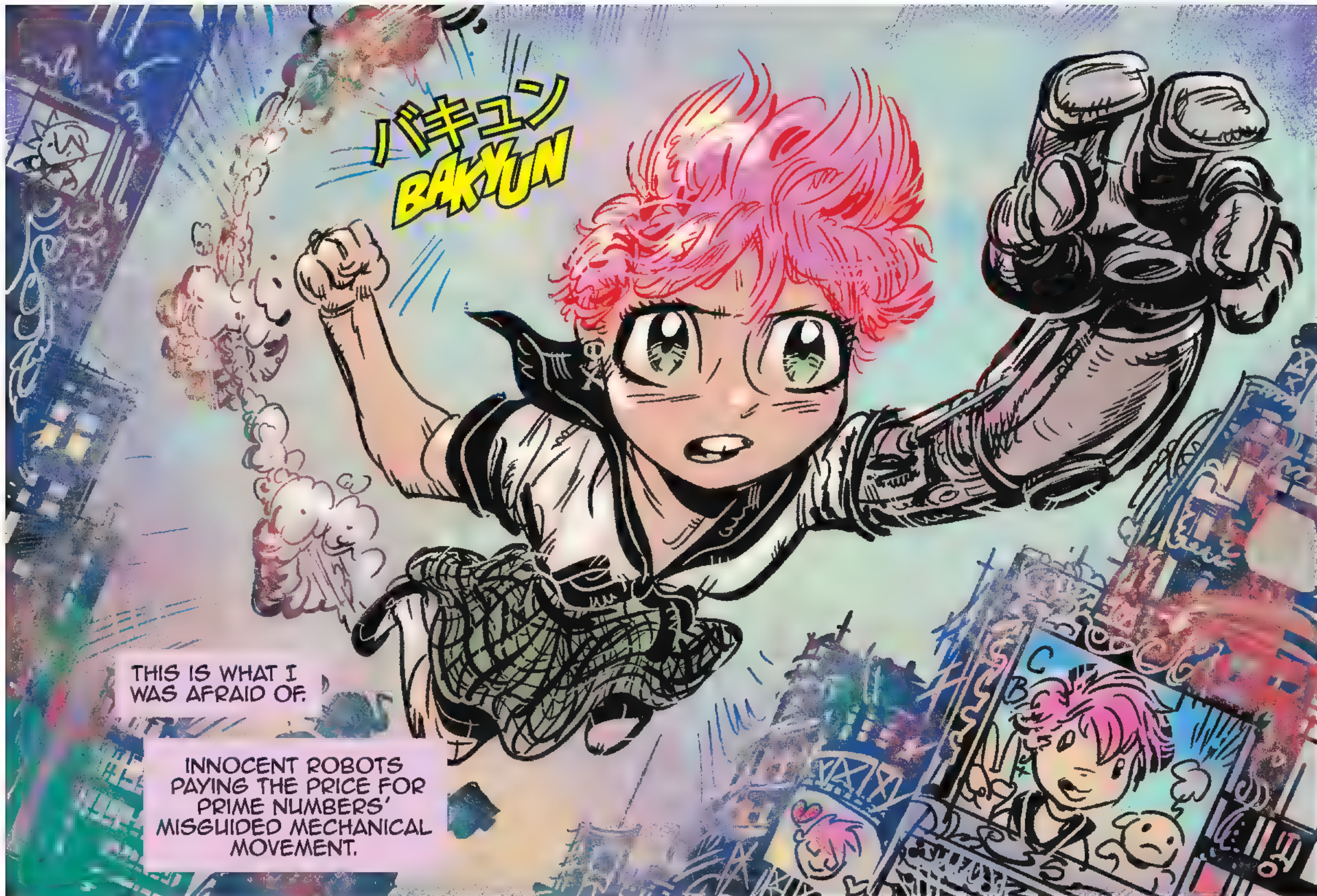




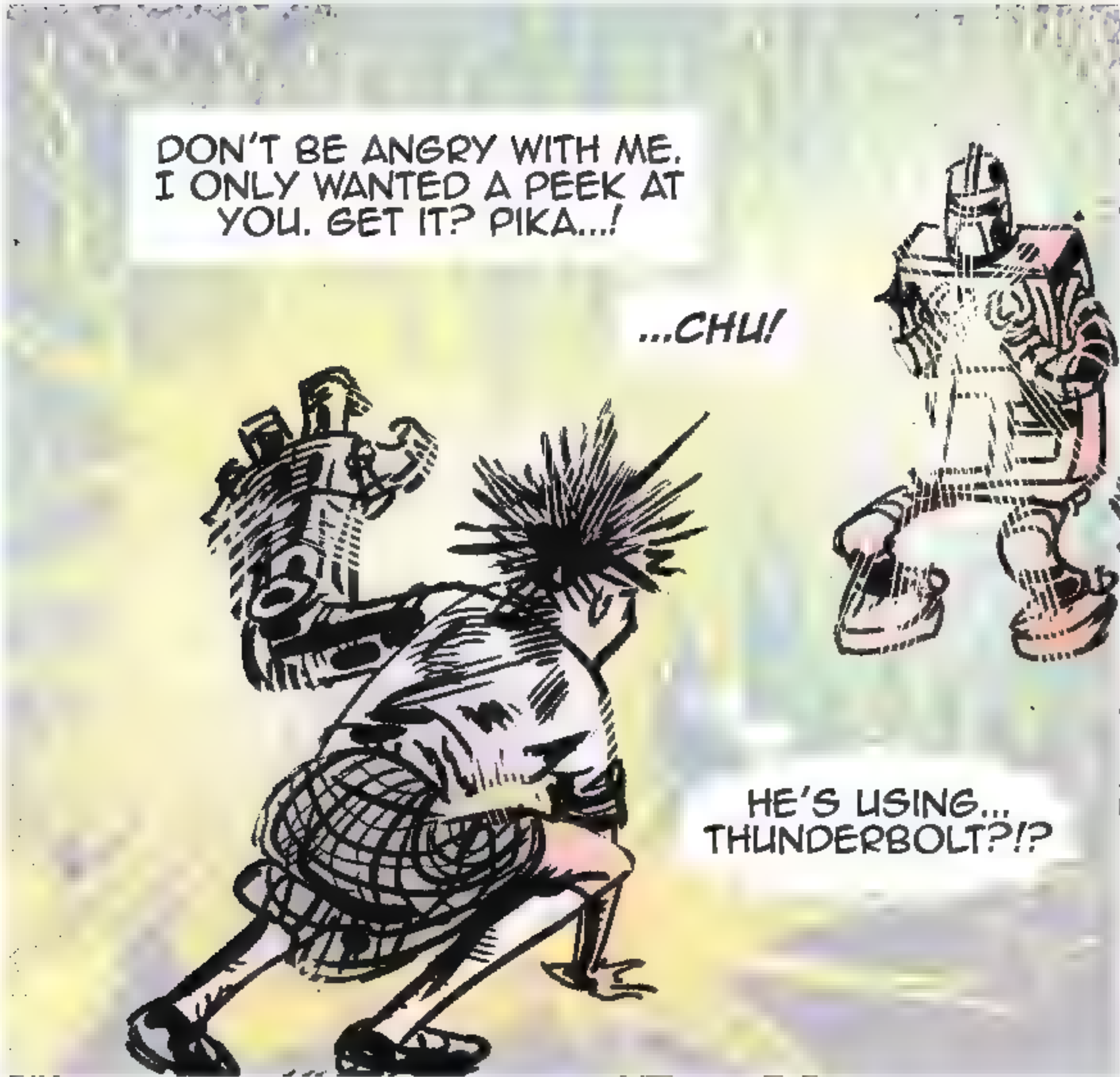












DON'T BE ANGRY WITH ME.  
I ONLY WANTED A PEEK AT  
YOU. GET IT? PIKA...!

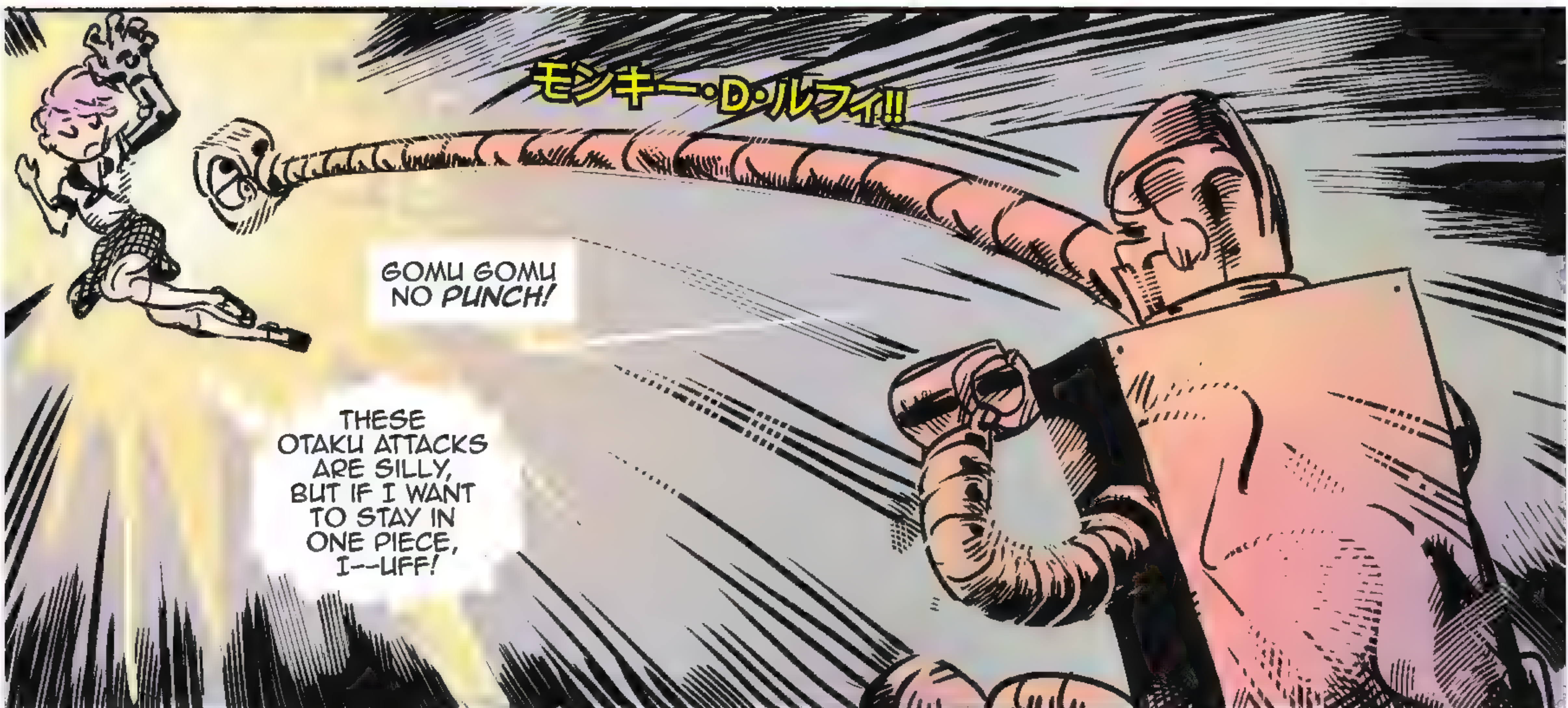
...CHUI!

HE'S USING...  
THUNDERBOLT?!?



POCARI SWEAT  
TIARA ACTION!

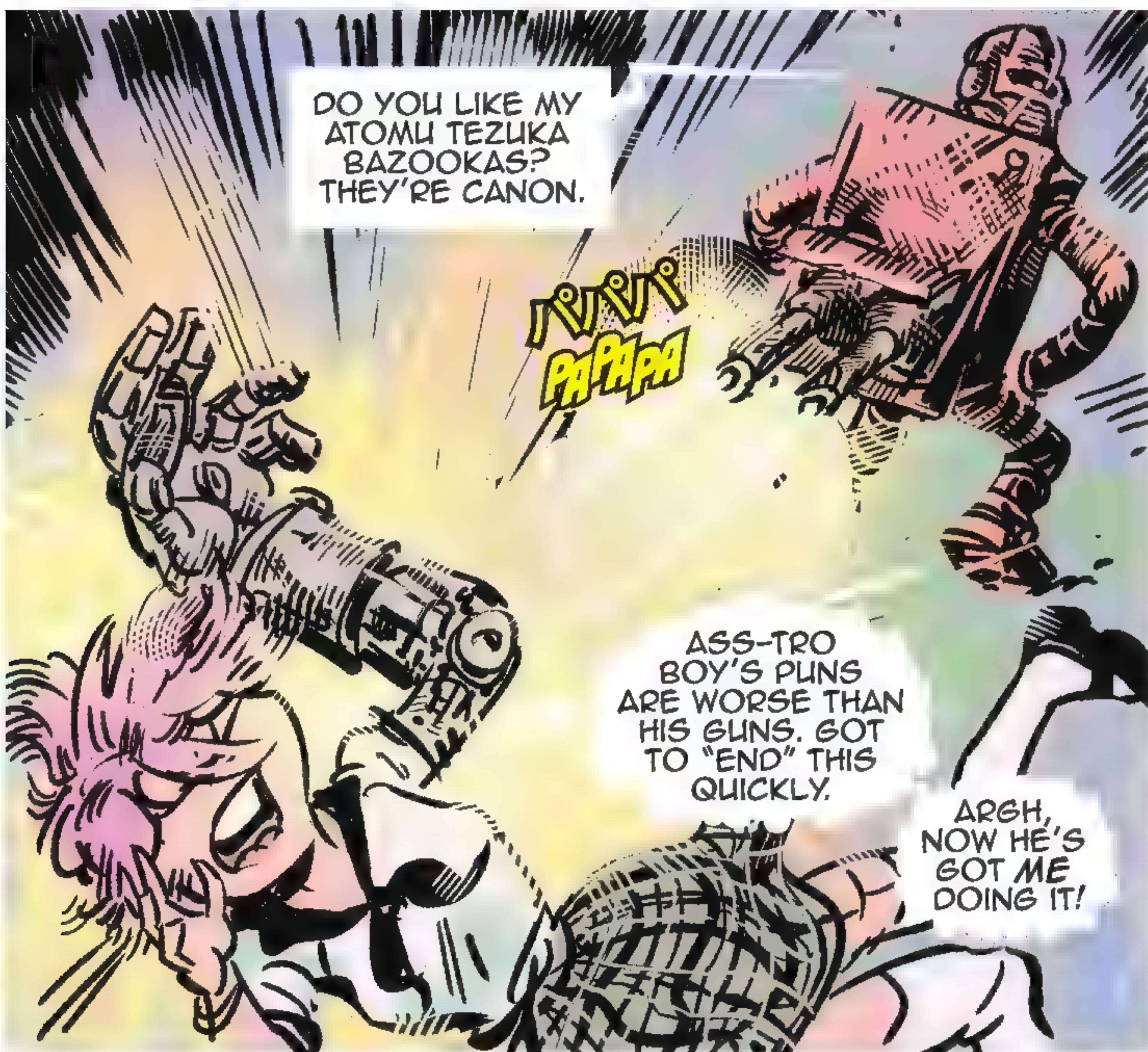
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モンキー・D・ルフィ!!

GOMU GOMU  
NO PUNCH!

THESE  
OTAKU ATTACKS  
ARE SILLY,  
BUT IF I WANT  
TO STAY IN  
ONE PIECE,  
I--UFF!



DO YOU LIKE MY  
ATOMU TEZUKA  
BAZOOKAS?  
THEY'RE CANON.

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ASS-TRO  
BOY'S PUNS  
ARE WORSE THAN  
HIS GUNS. GOT  
TO "END" THIS  
QUICKLY.

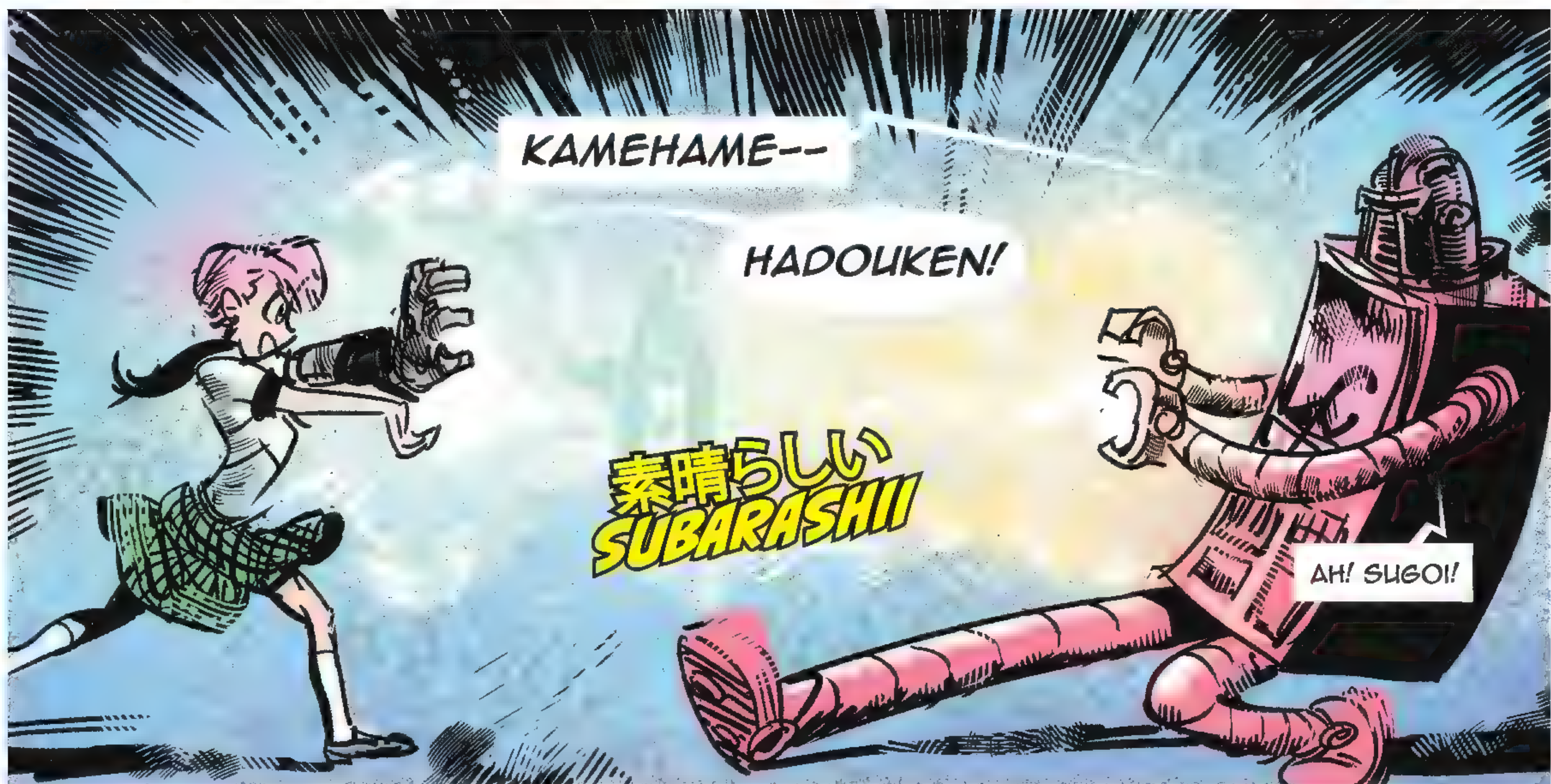
ARGH,  
NOW HE'S  
GOT ME  
DOING IT!



I KNOW  
THE SPECS OF  
THIS TOYOGENKI  
VENDER, BUT IT'S  
BEEN MODIFIED,  
LIKE THE KUCHI-KUN  
MASCOT WAS.

I'LL  
HAVE TO  
BEAT HIM AT  
HIS OWN  
GAME.



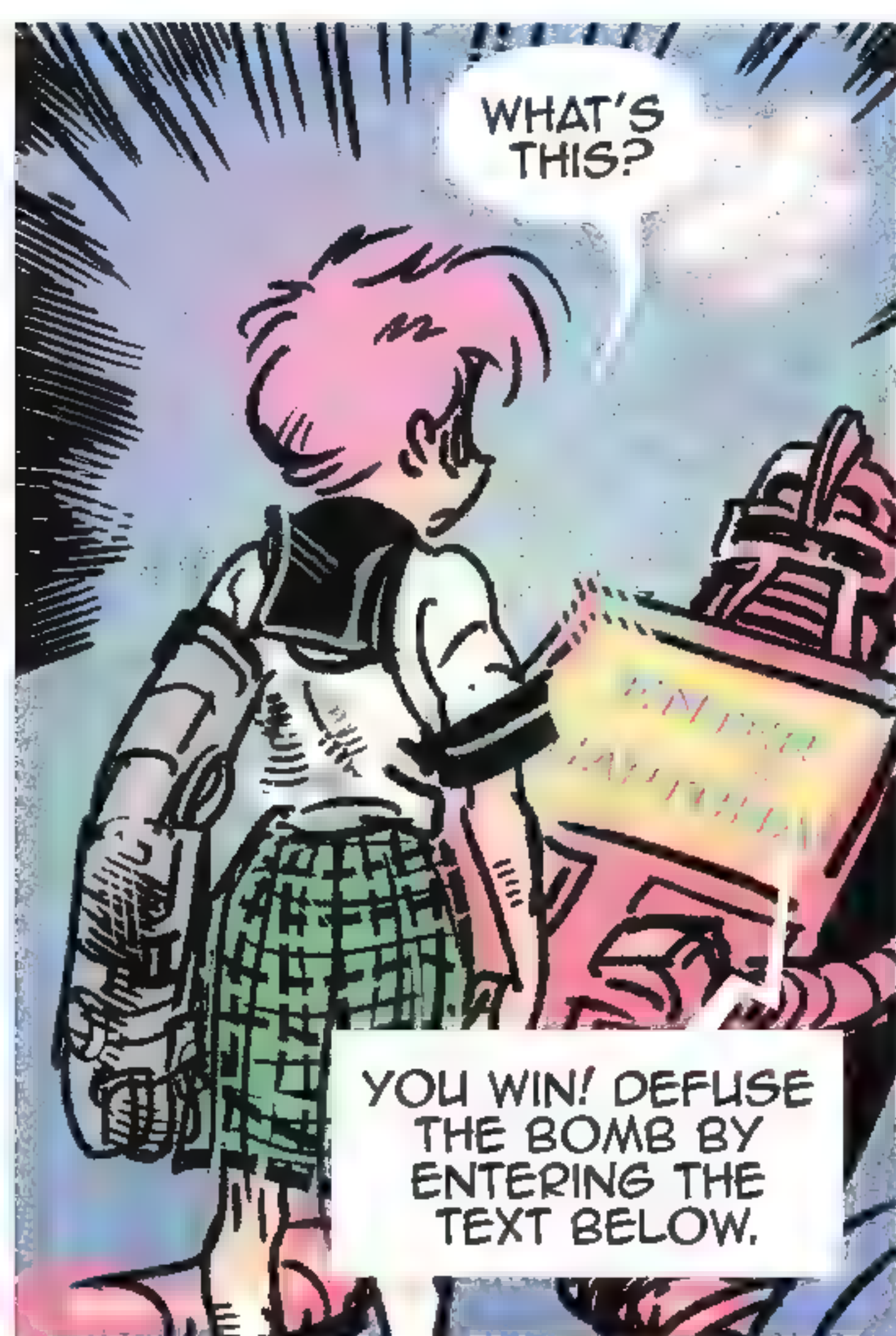


KAMEHAME--

HADOUKEN!

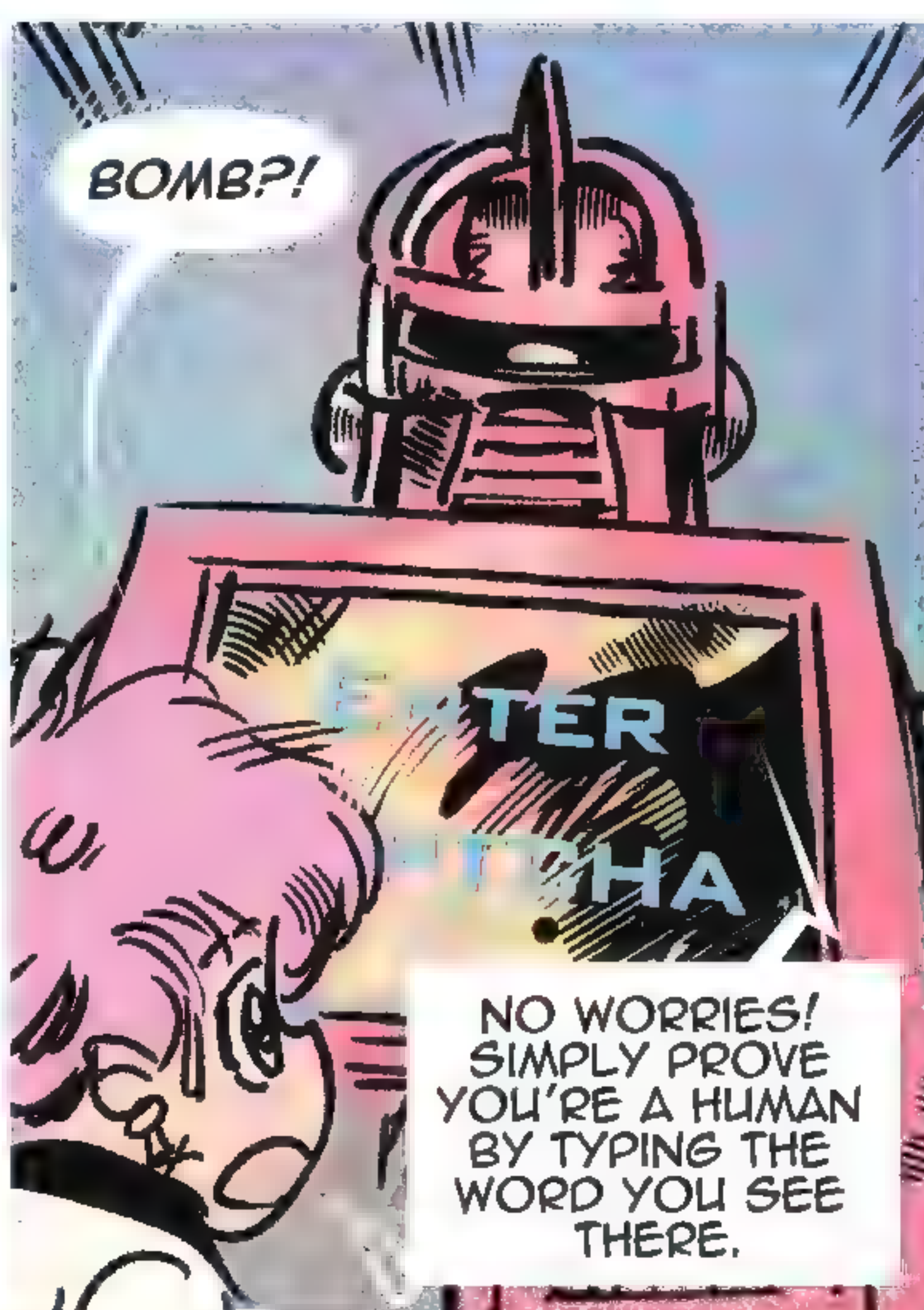
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SUBARASHII

AH! SUGOI!



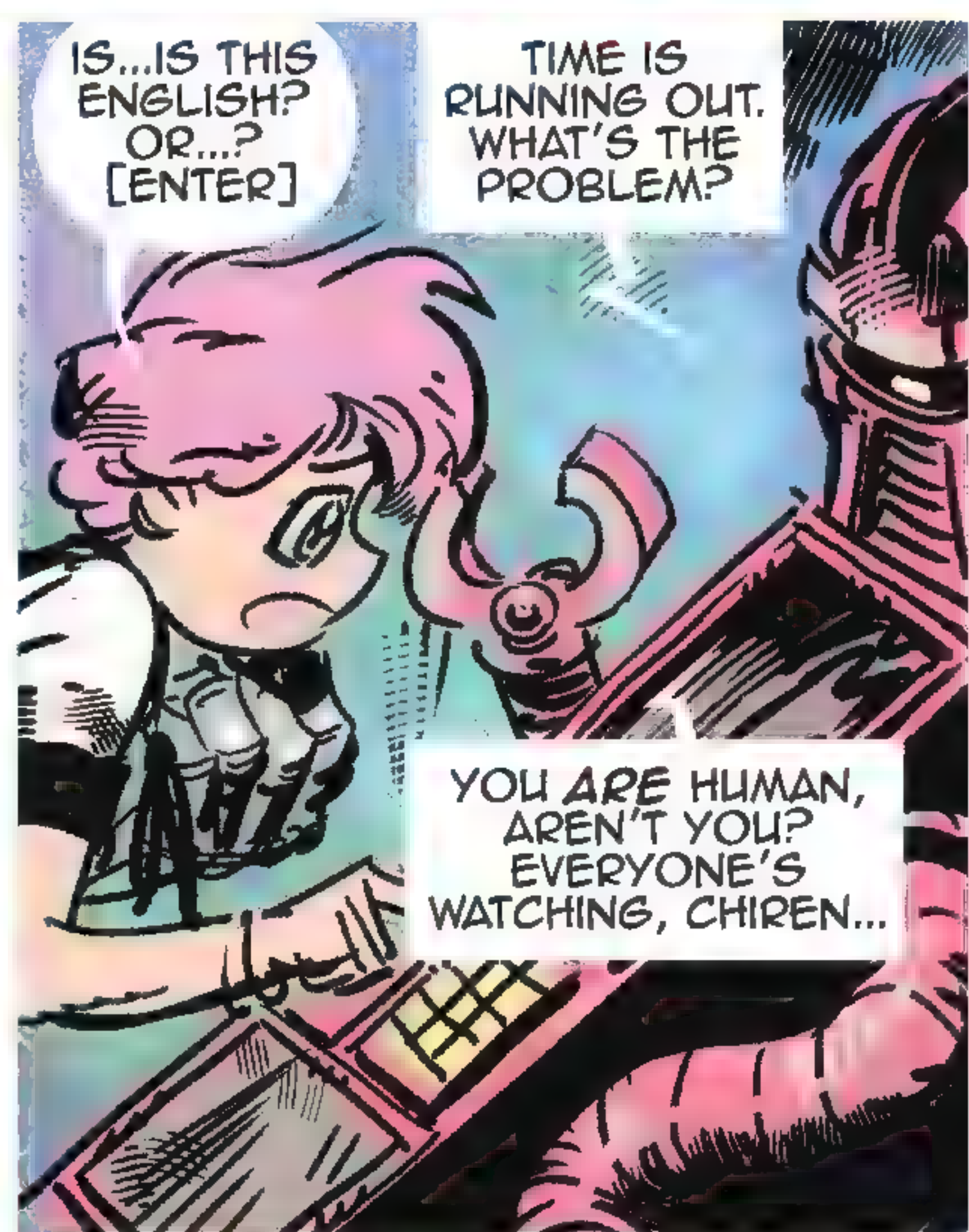
WHAT'S THIS?

YOU WIN! DEFUSE THE BOMB BY ENTERING THE TEXT BELOW.



BOMB?!

NO WORRIES! SIMPLY PROVE YOU'RE A HUMAN BY TYPING THE WORD YOU SEE THERE.



IS...IS THIS ENGLISH? OR...? [ENTER]

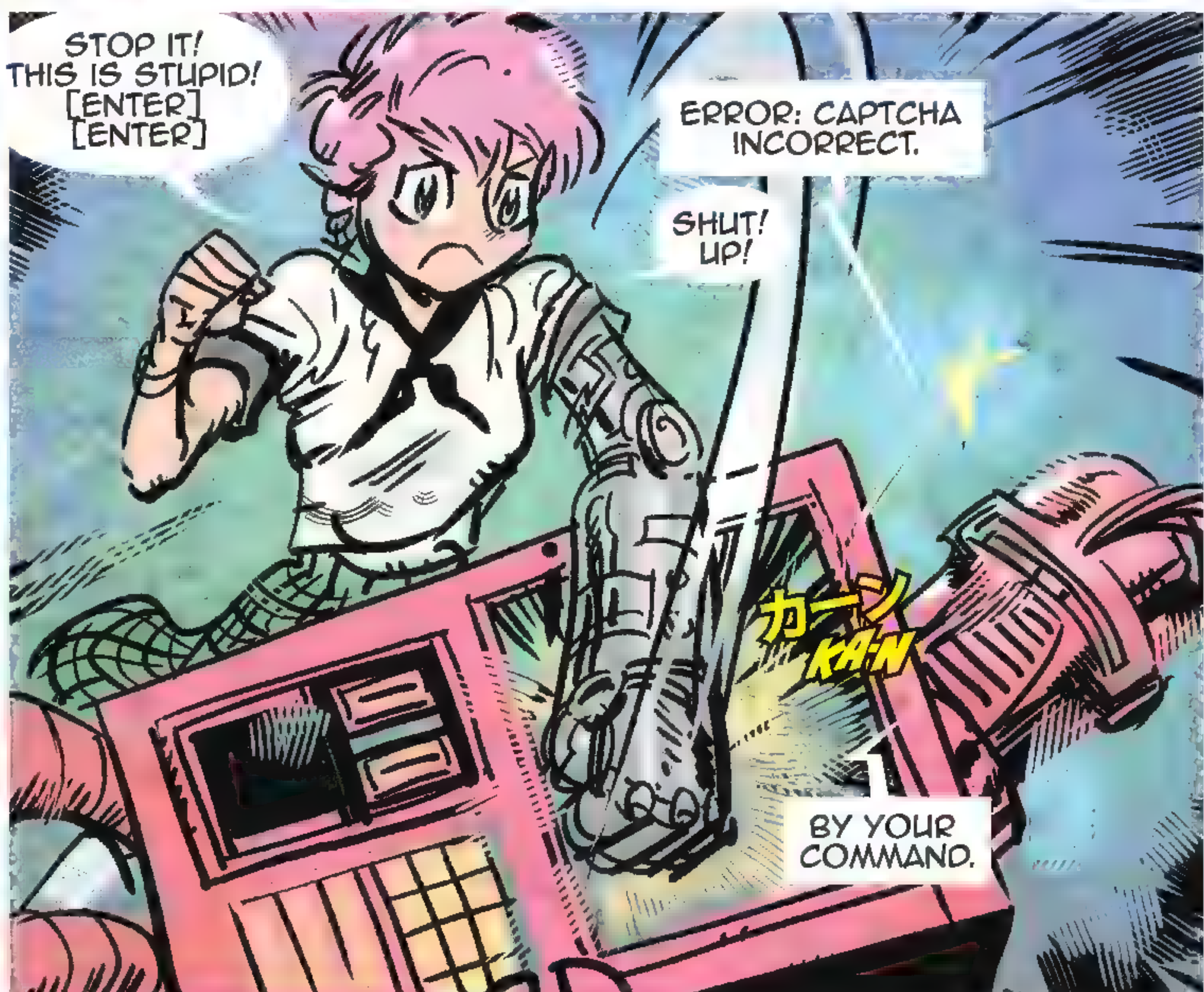
TIME IS RUNNING OUT. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

YOU ARE HUMAN, AREN'T YOU? EVERYONE'S WATCHING, CHIREN...



O-OF COURSE I'M... LET ME CONCENTRATE! [ENTER]

BZZT! HERE'S YOUR WARNING: 7 SECONDS!



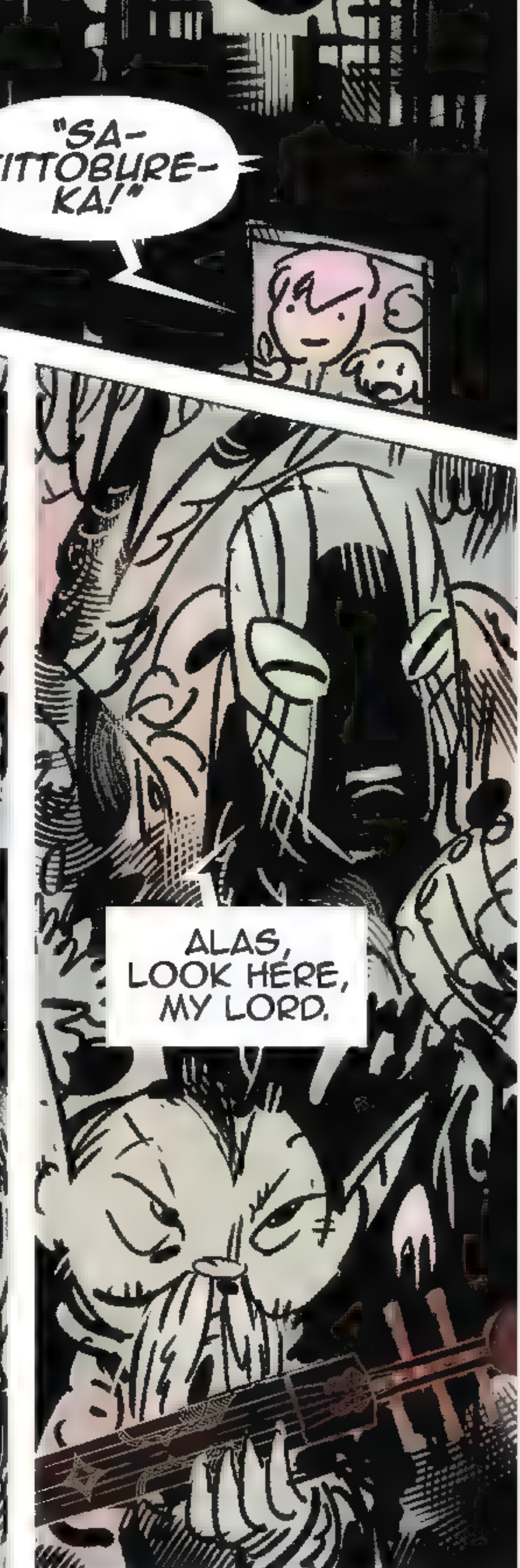
STOP IT! THIS IS STUPID! [ENTER] [ENTER]

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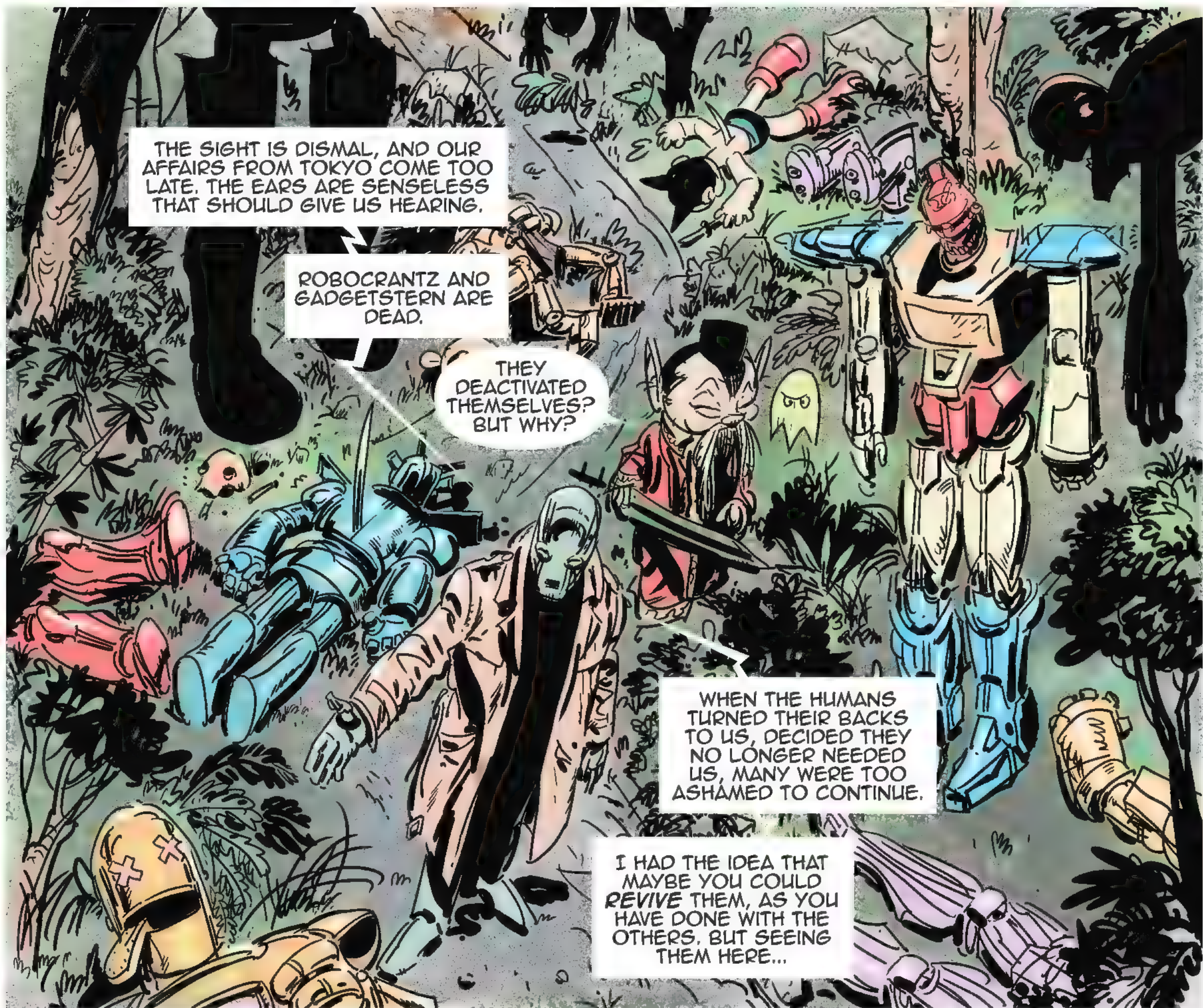
SHUT UP!

BY YOUR COMMAND.









THE SIGHT IS DISMAL, AND OUR AFFAIRS FROM TOKYO COME TOO LATE. THE EARS ARE SENSELESS THAT SHOULD GIVE US HEARING.

ROBOCRANTZ AND GADGETSTERN ARE DEAD.

THEY DEACTIVATED THEMSELVES? BUT WHY?

WHEN THE HUMANS TURNED THEIR BACKS TO US, DECIDED THEY NO LONGER NEEDED US, MANY WERE TOO ASHAMED TO CONTINUE.

I HAD THE IDEA THAT MAYBE YOU COULD REVIVE THEM, AS YOU HAVE DONE WITH THE OTHERS. BUT SEEING THEM HERE...



...I THINK NOW MAYBE IT'S BETTER THAT THEY REST IN PIECES.

HMM, YES. SAD. LIKE THE ONE WHO JUST BLEW HIMSELF UP? WITH A BOMB THAT YOU PLACED IN HIS CHEST?

HOW ARE THESE ANY DIFFERENT?



THE OTAKU VENDER WAS A **SOLDIER**. A VOLUNTEER. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE HAD HOPE FOR A BETTER WORLD IN HIS HEART WHEN IT STOPPED BEATING.

THESE POOR SOULS HAD NO HOPE AT ALL.

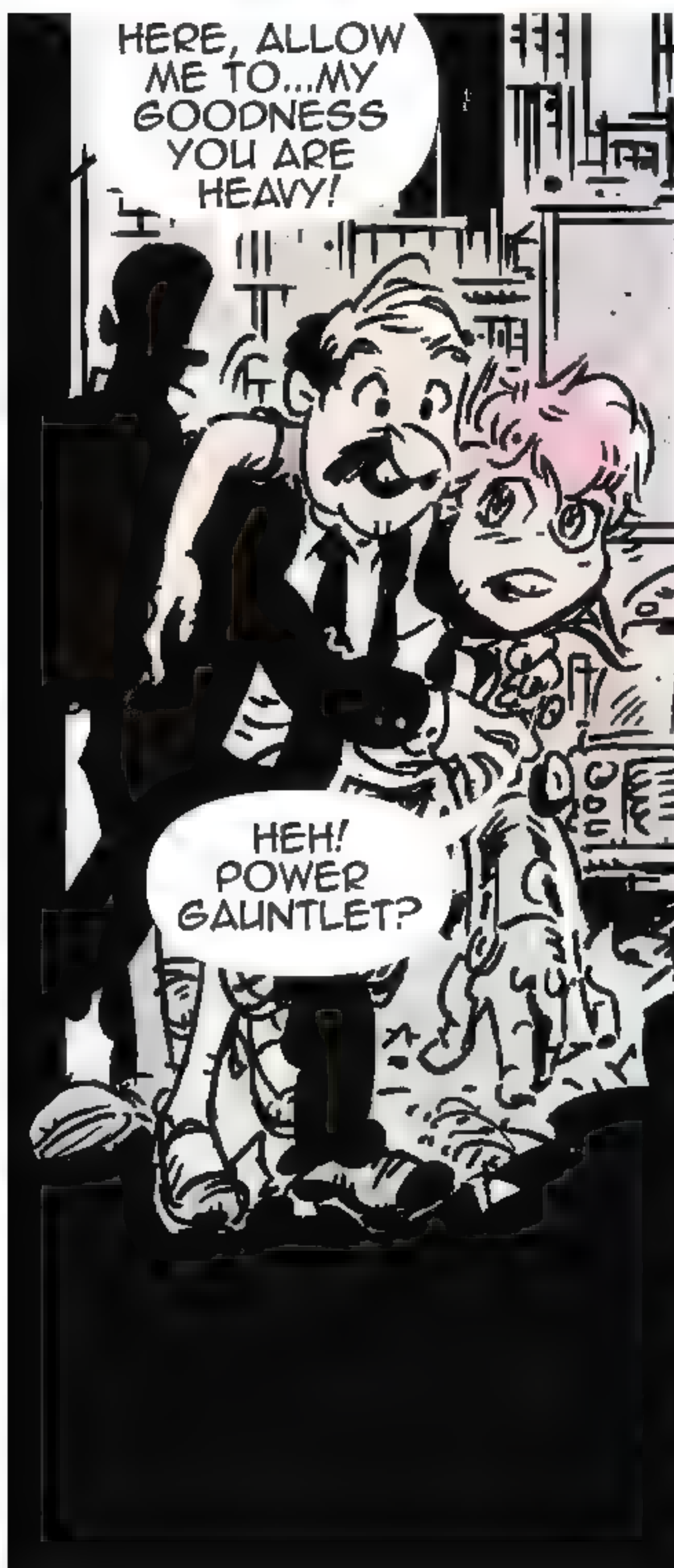


THEN I SHALL POUR SOULS INTO THEM, TEE-HEE!

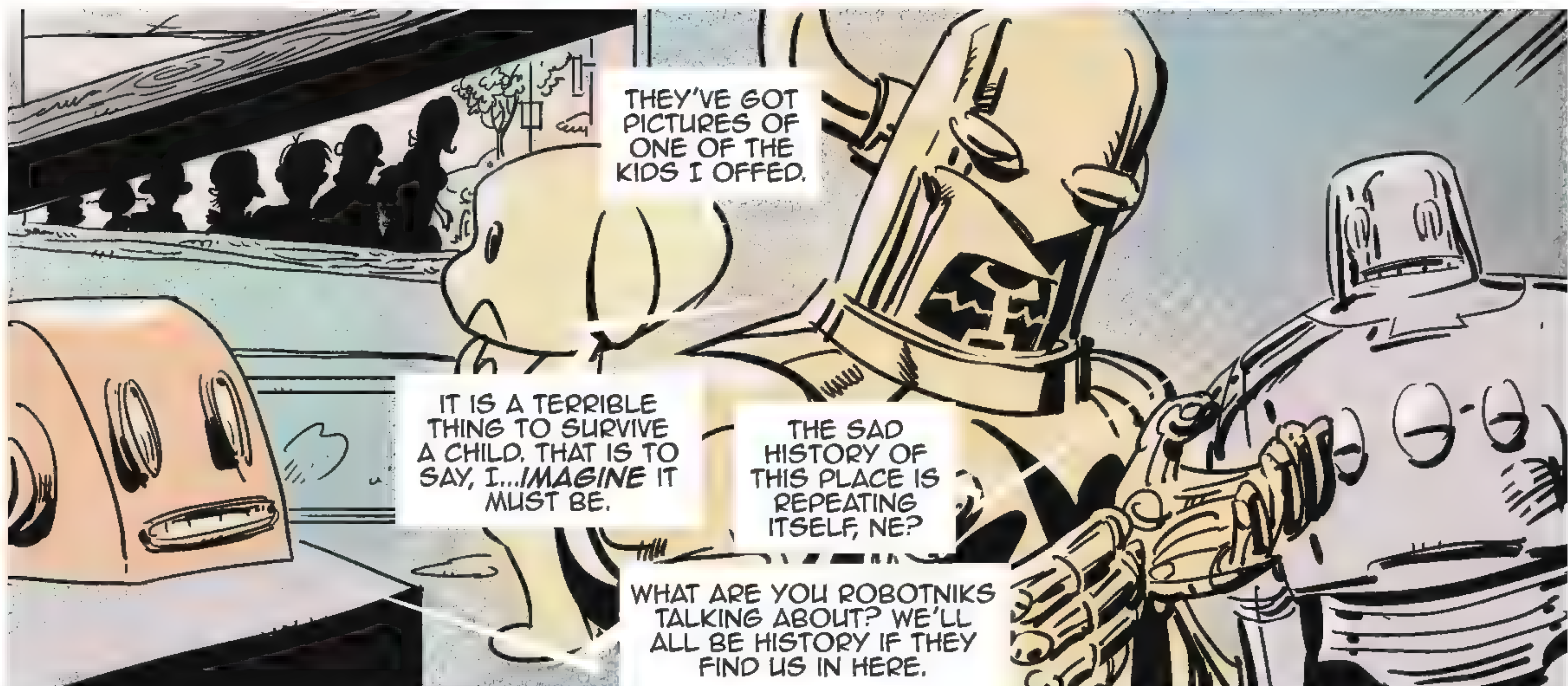
IF I RESTORE THEIR FUNCTIONS, THEN PERHAPS YOU CAN RESTORE THEIR HOPE. GIVE THEM A REASON TO CONTINUE THIS TIME?

THEY WILL WANT TO BE A PART OF THE BETTER WORLD WE'RE MAKING. WE WILL NEED THEIR HELP TO DO IT.







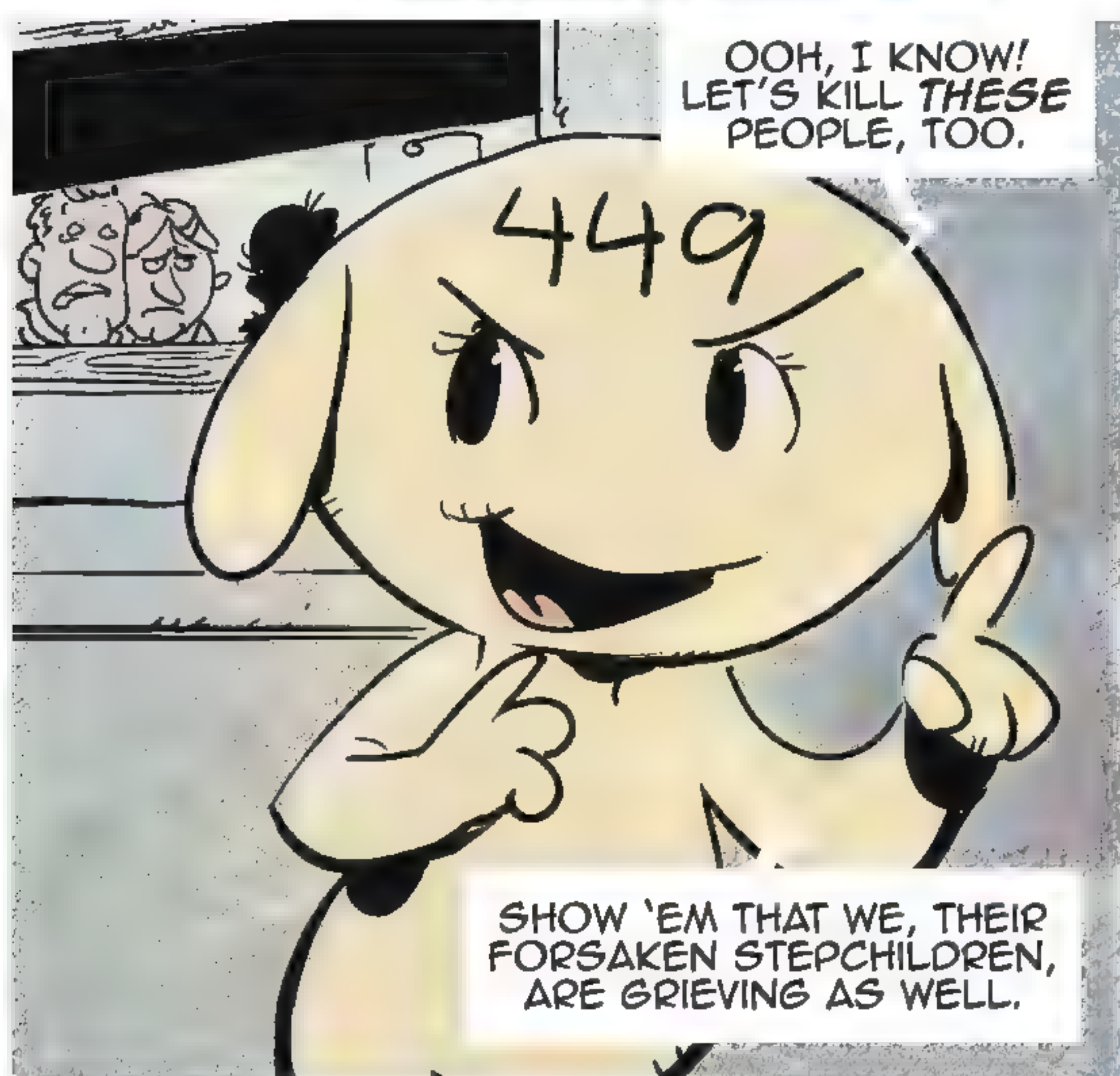


THEY'VE GOT PICTURES OF ONE OF THE KIDS I OFFED.

IT IS A TERRIBLE THING TO SURVIVE A CHILD. THAT IS TO SAY, I...IMAGINE IT MUST BE.

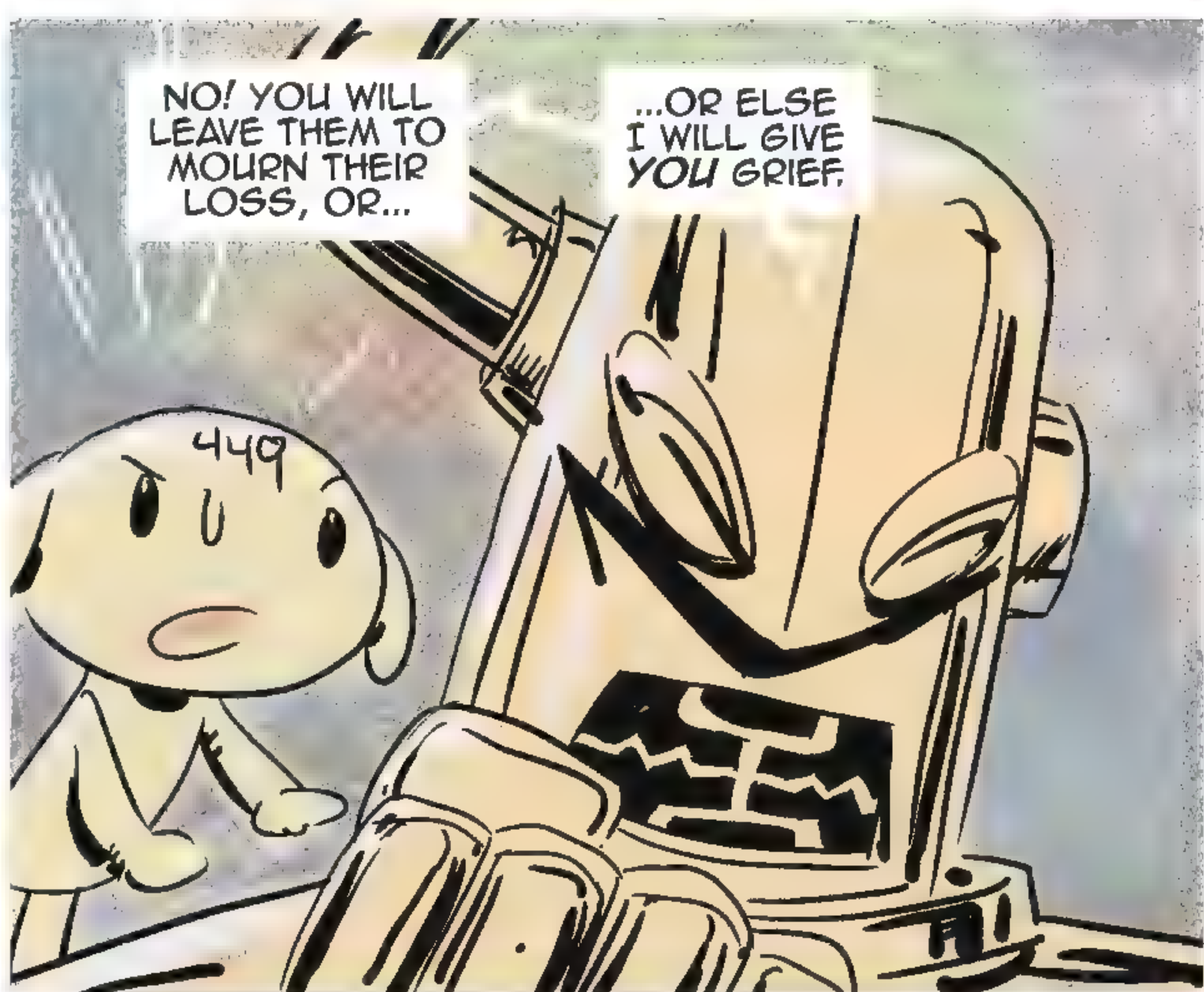
THE SAD HISTORY OF THIS PLACE IS REPEATING ITSELF, NE?

WHAT ARE YOU ROBOTNIKS TALKING ABOUT? WE'LL ALL BE HISTORY IF THEY FIND US IN HERE.



OOH, I KNOW! LET'S KILL *THESE* PEOPLE, TOO.

SHOW 'EM THAT WE, THEIR FORSAKEN STEPCHILDREN, ARE GRIEVING AS WELL.



NO! YOU WILL LEAVE THEM TO MOURN THEIR LOSS, OR...

...OR ELSE I WILL GIVE YOU GRIEF.



PFFT! WHATEVER.

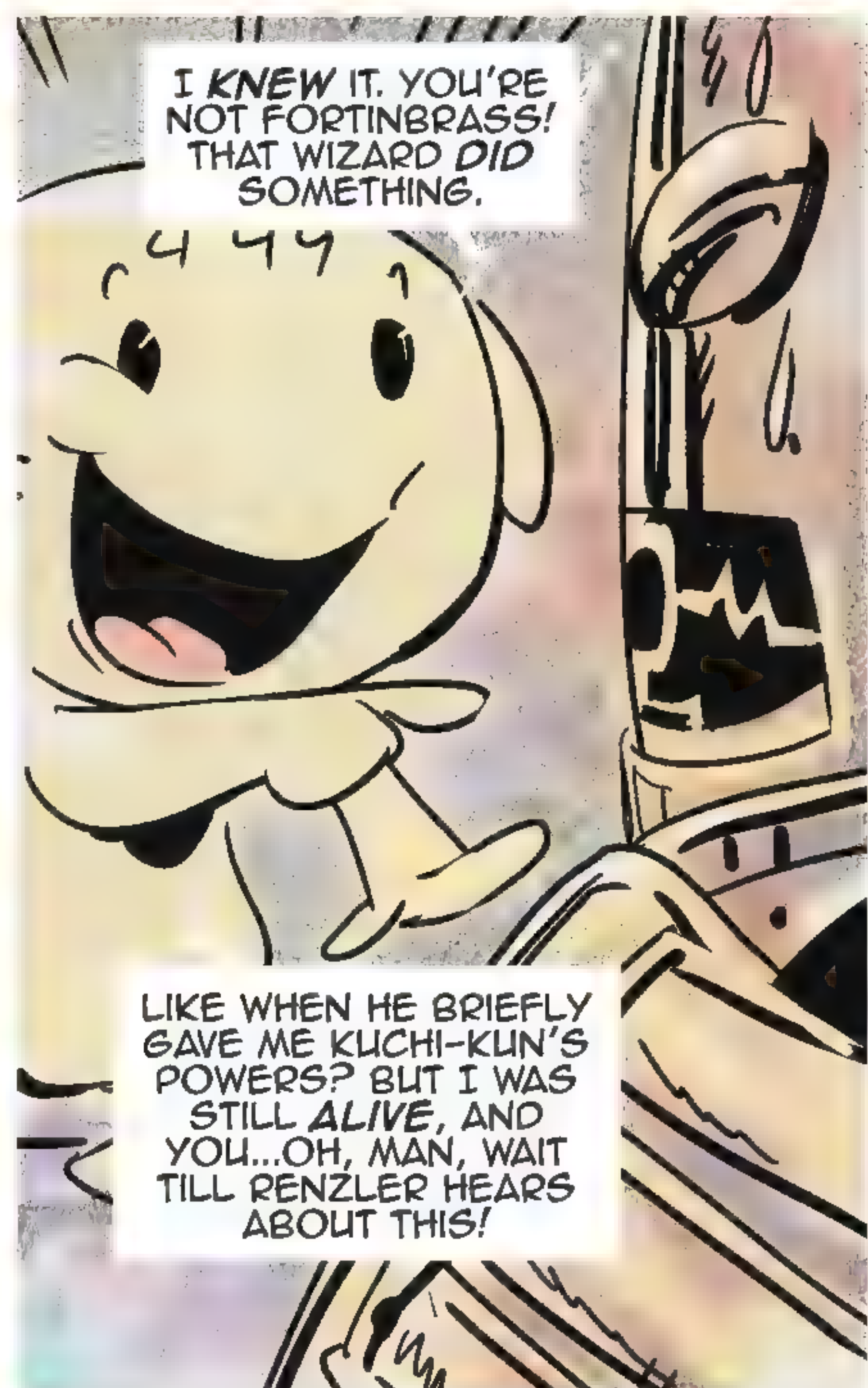
LATELY, BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S REALLY YELL-OW!



HANDS OFF, "FAUX-TINBRASS."

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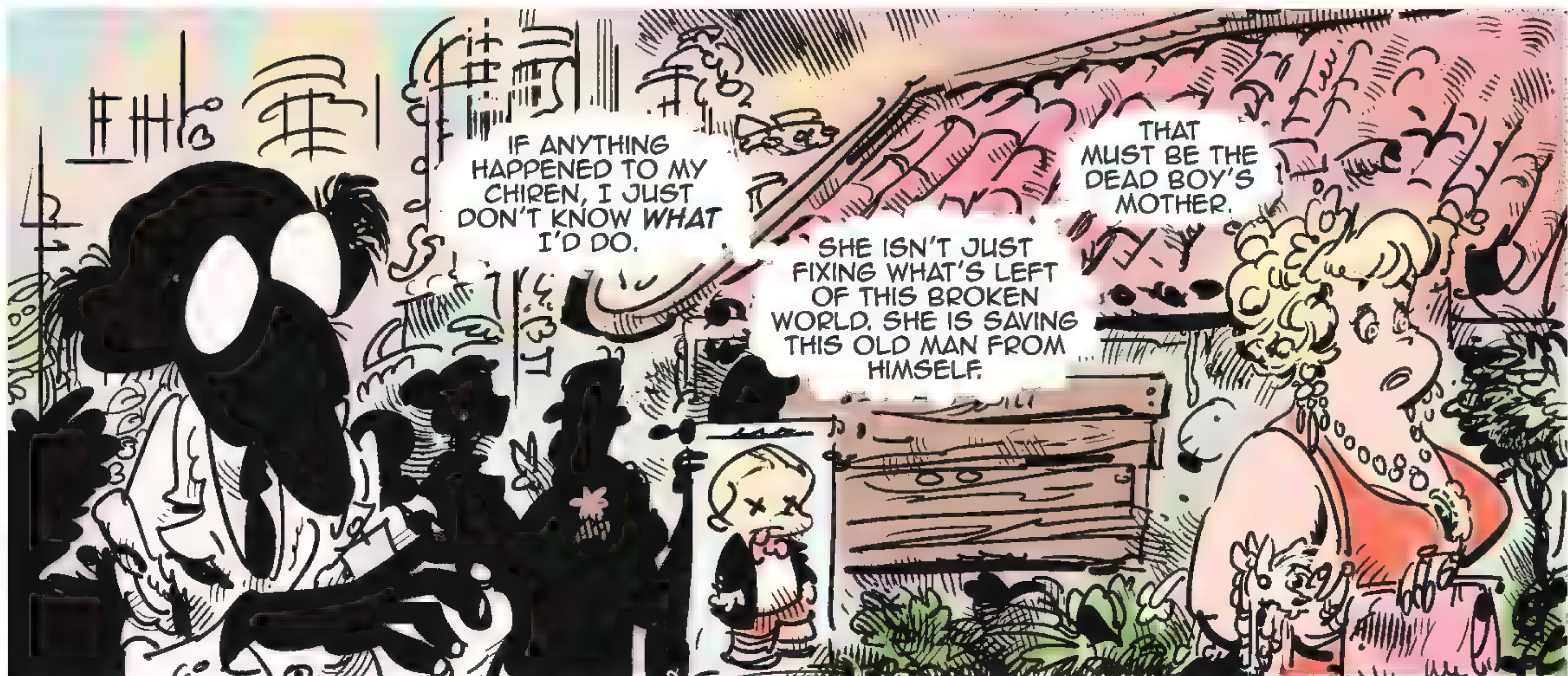
いたっ OUCH!!



I KNEW IT. YOU'RE NOT FORTINBRASS! THAT WIZARD DID SOMETHING.

LIKE WHEN HE BRIEFLY GAVE ME KUCHI-KUN'S POWERS? BUT I WAS STILL ALIVE, AND YOU...OH, MAN, WAIT TILL RENZLER HEARS ABOUT THIS!

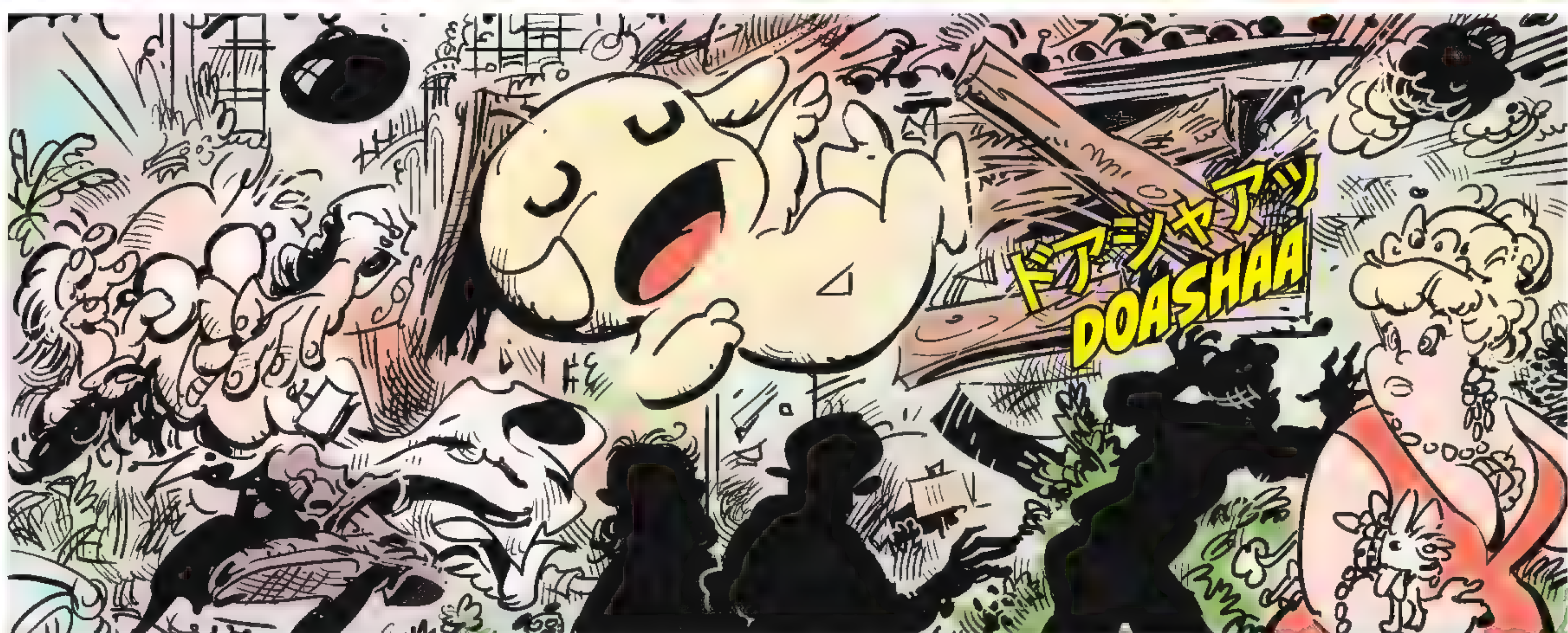




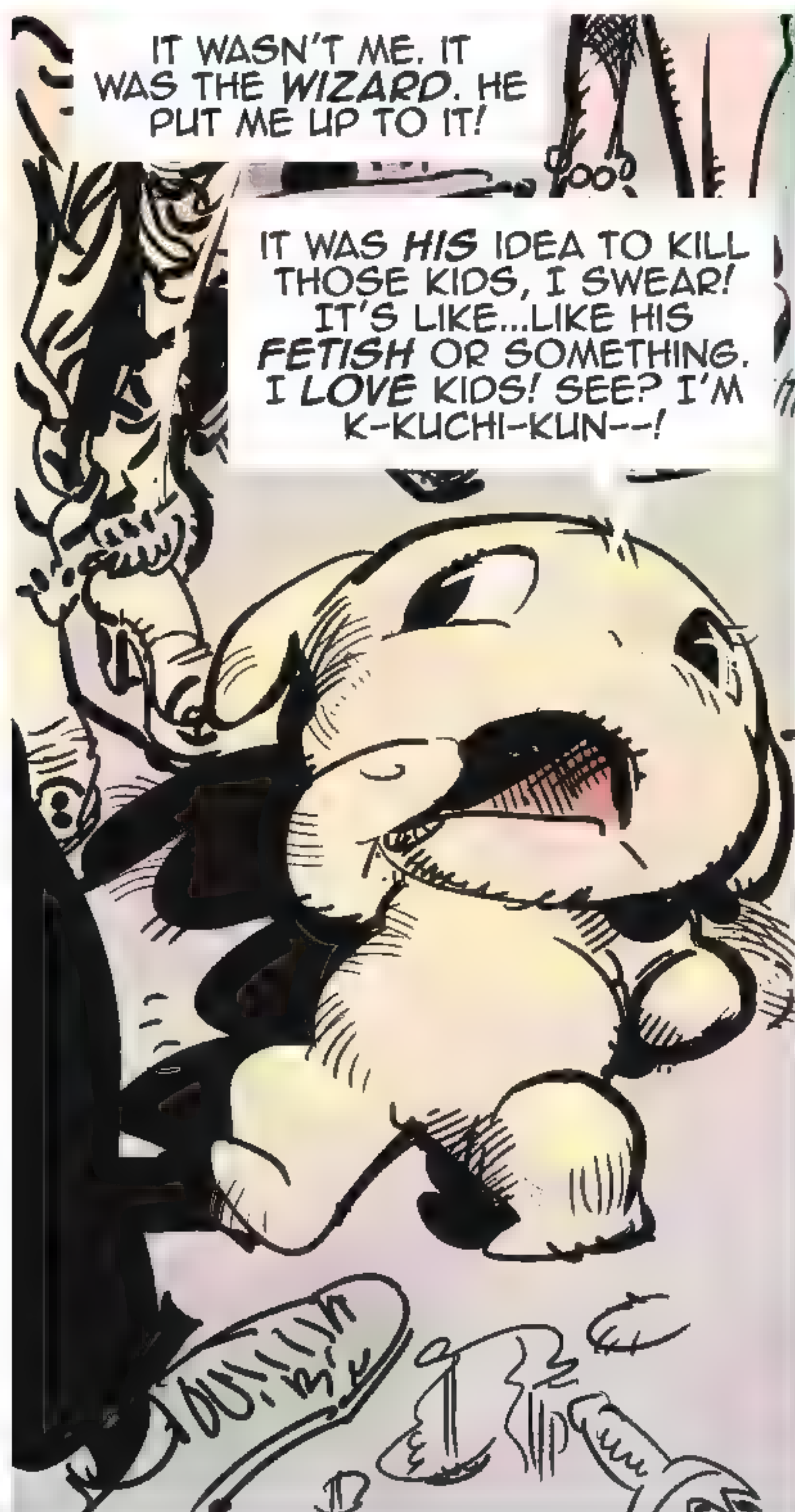
IF ANYTHING  
HAPPENED TO MY  
CHIREN, I JUST  
DON'T KNOW WHAT  
I'D DO.

THAT  
MUST BE THE  
DEAD BOY'S  
MOTHER.

SHE ISN'T JUST  
FIXING WHAT'S LEFT  
OF THIS BROKEN  
WORLD. SHE IS SAVING  
THIS OLD MAN FROM  
HIMSELF.



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DOASHAA



IT WASN'T ME. IT  
WAS THE WIZARD. HE  
PUT ME UP TO IT!

IT WAS HIS IDEA TO KILL  
THOSE KIDS, I SWEAR!  
IT'S LIKE...LIKE HIS  
FETISH OR SOMETHING.  
I LOVE KIDS! SEE? I'M  
K-KUCHI-KUN--!



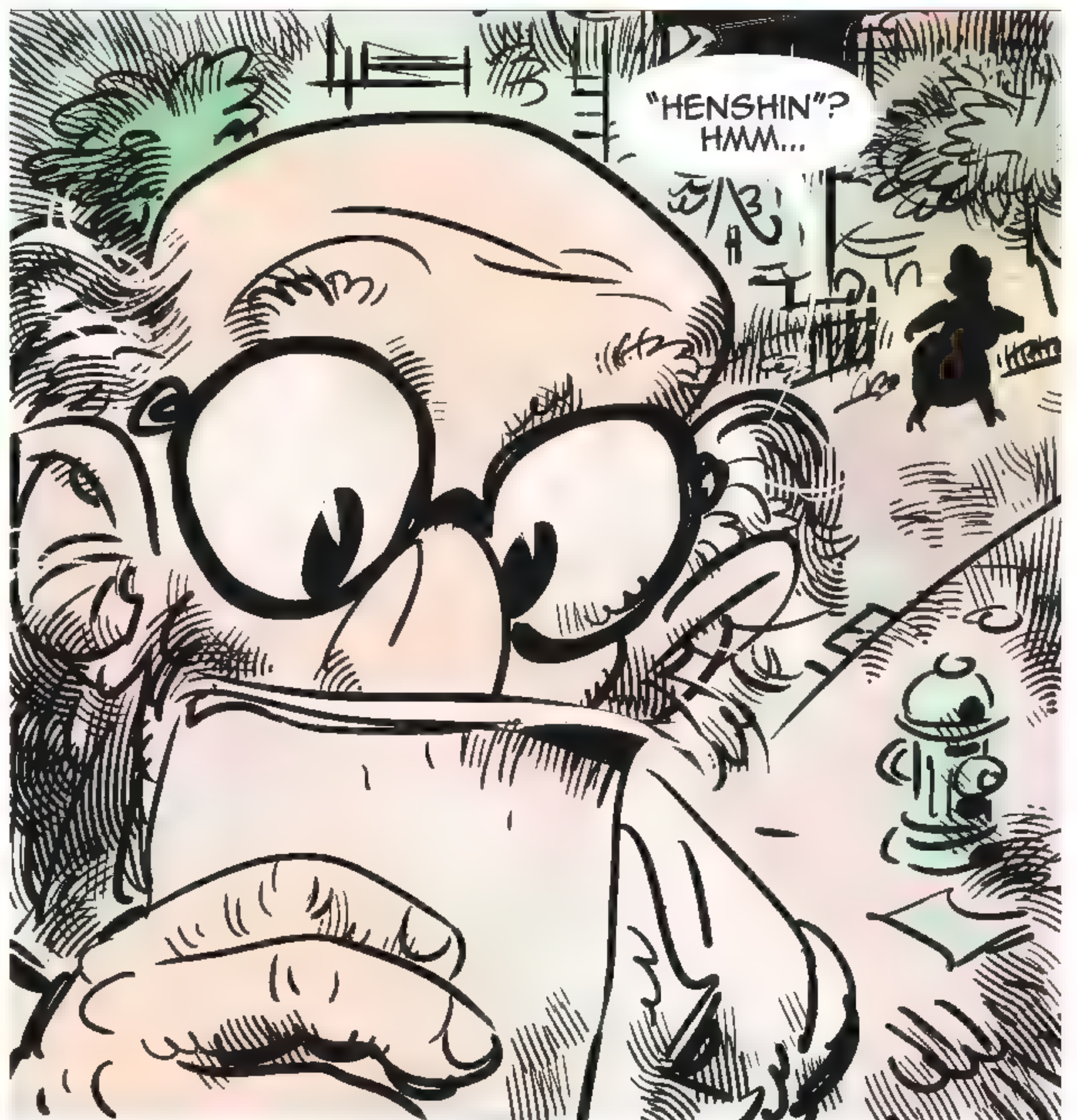
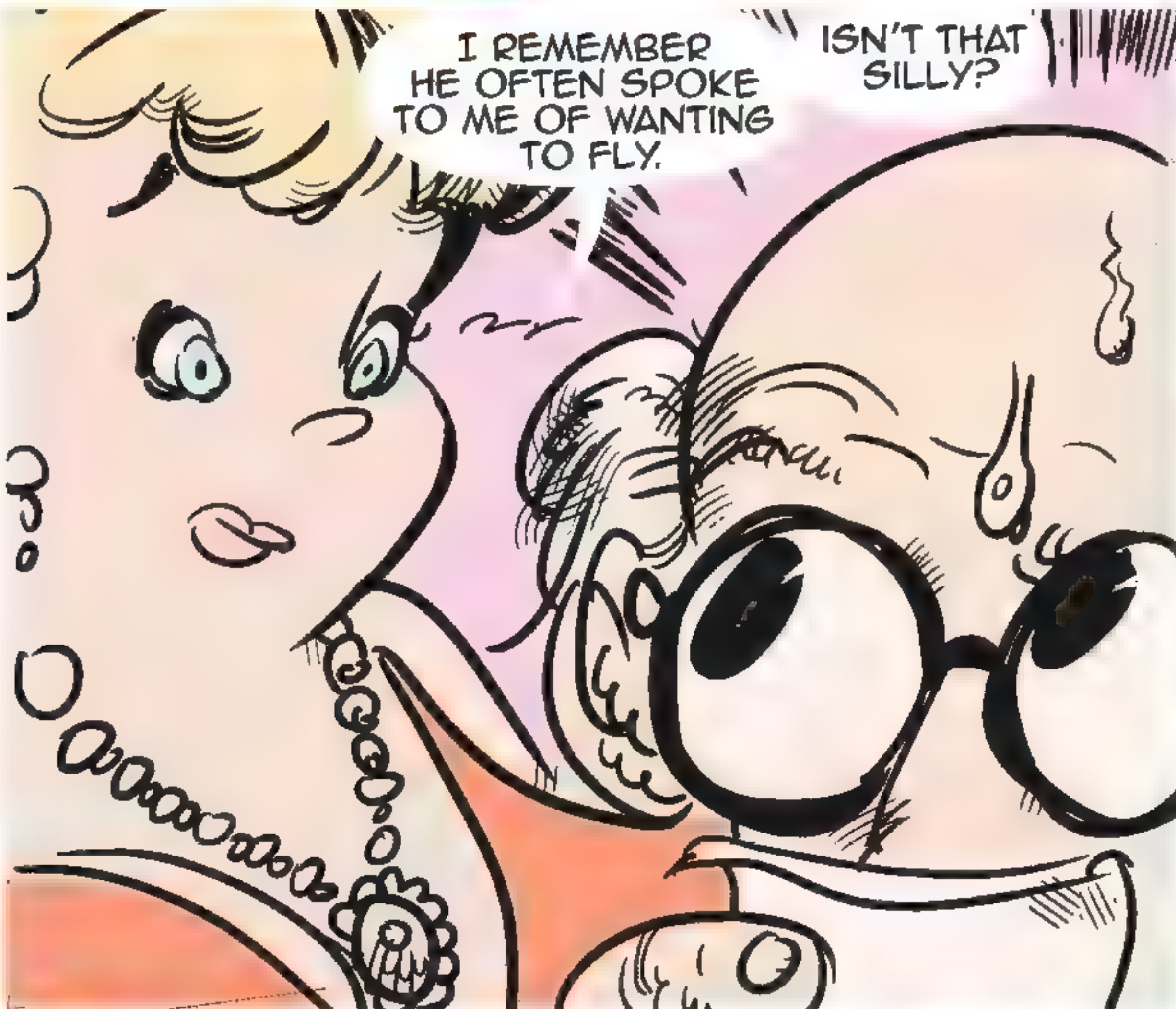
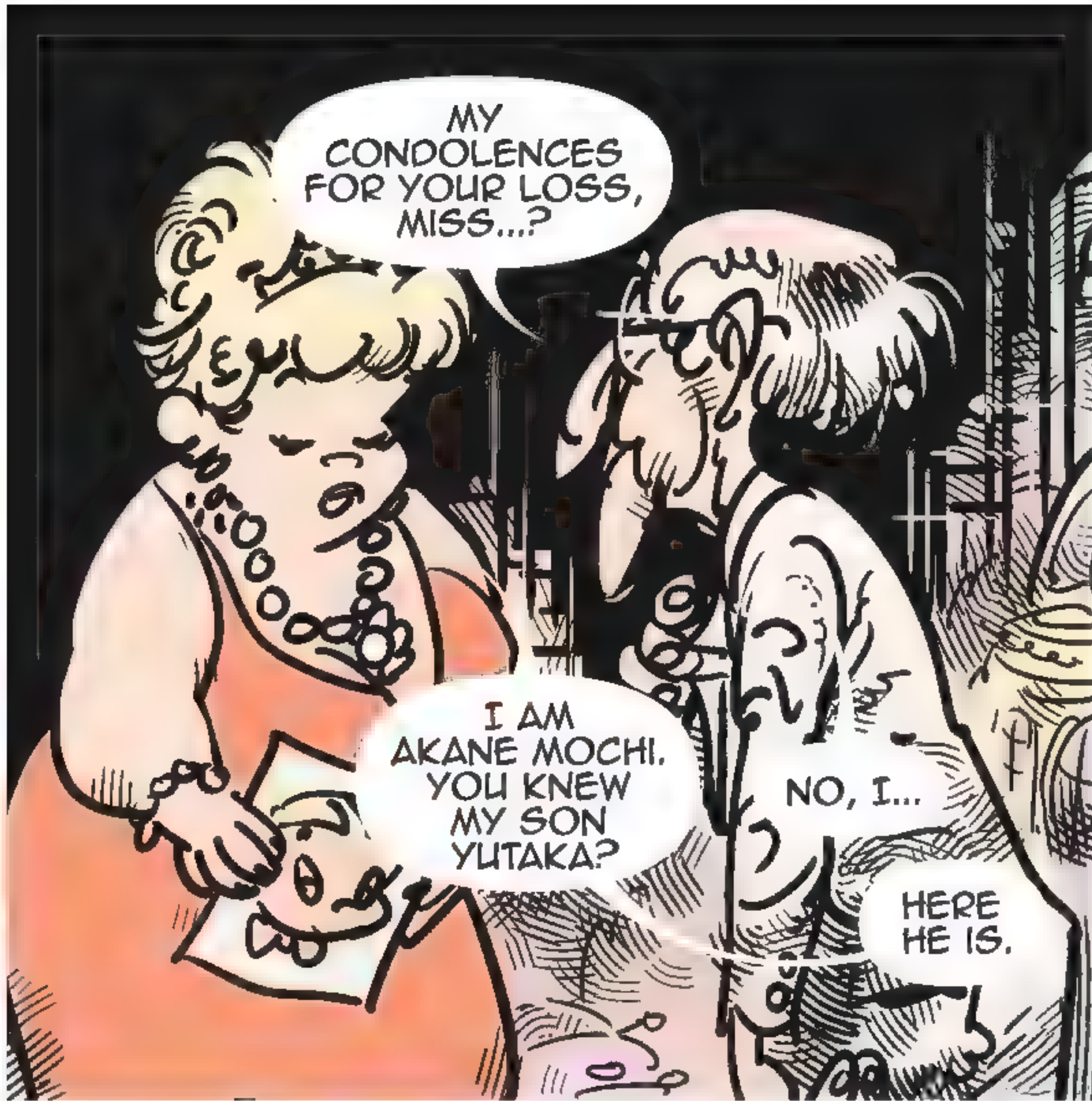
HOW AWFUL!  
AND THEY WON'T  
STOP UNTIL THE  
BUM'S DEAD...



THIS WAS A  
BAD IDEA. I SHOULD  
GO. I SHOULD  
JUST LET THIS POOR  
WOMAN BE.

EXCUSE ME,  
OKAASAN?





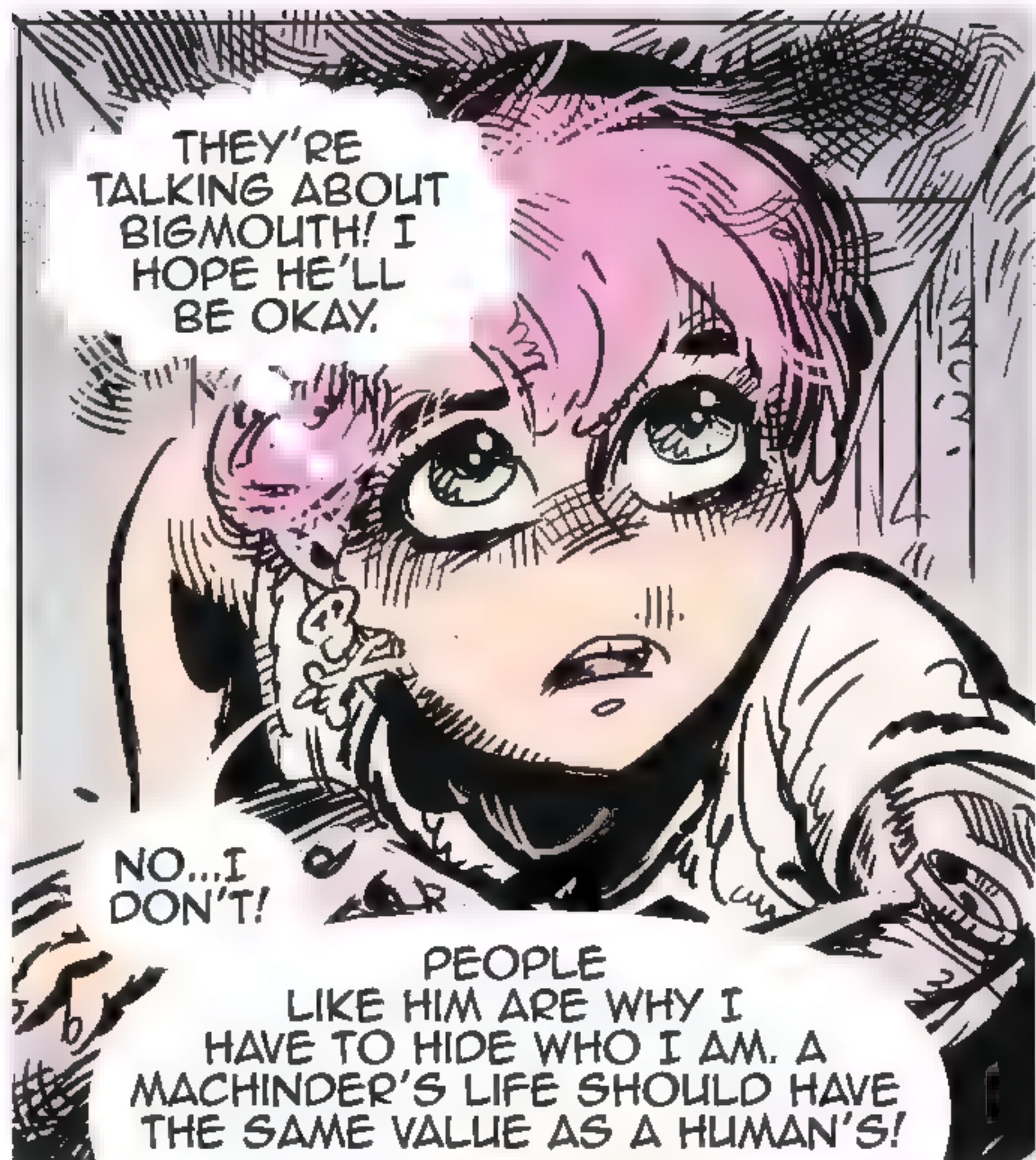




SO WHERE'S THIS FAMOUS "CIRCUS-BREAKER"?

GUESS SHE BROKE OUT.

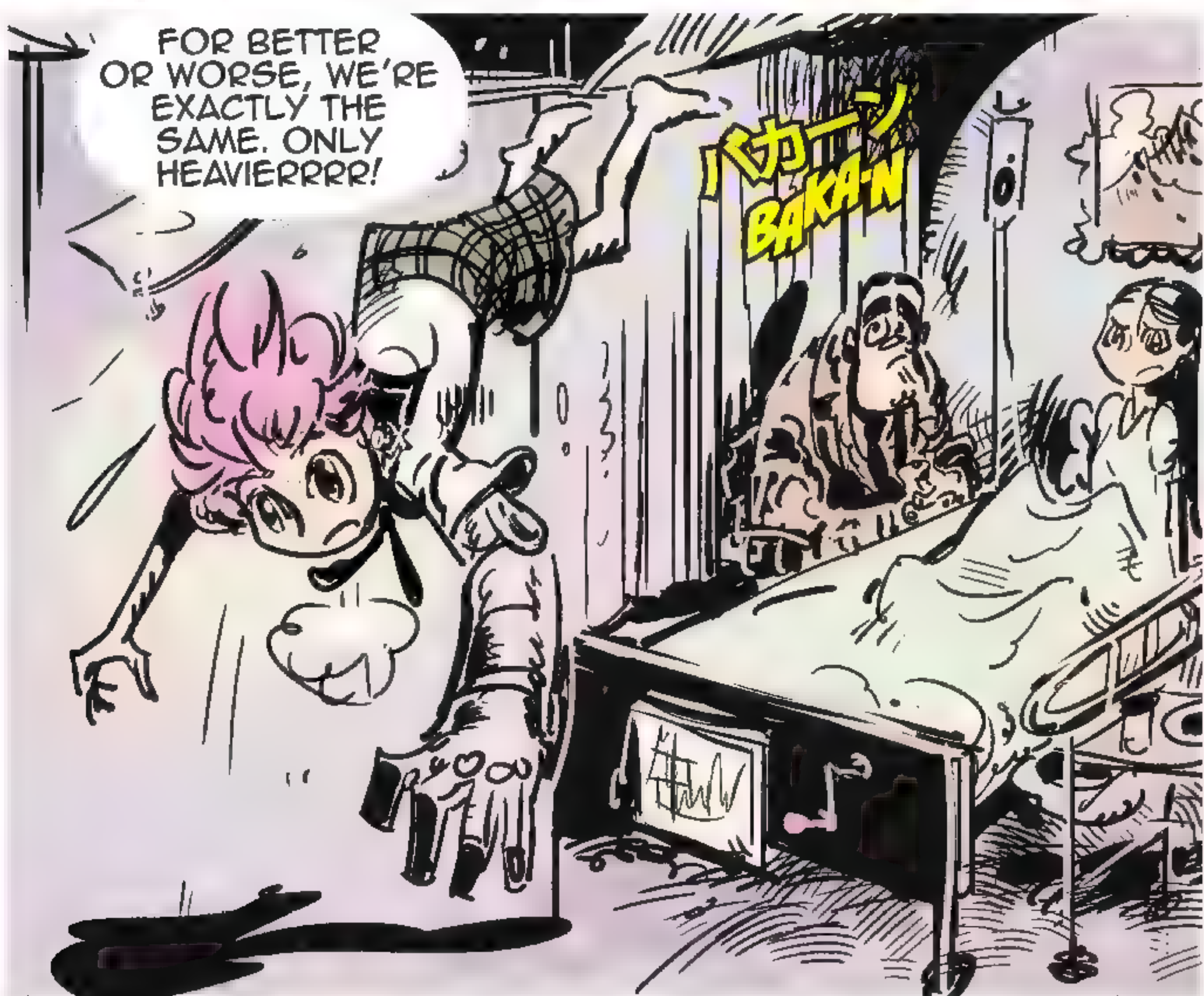
I'M AVOIDING MY NEXT PATIENT. A MOTORBIKE GANGSTER RUN OVER BY A DEKOTORA? THE PROGNOSIS IS NOT GOOD.



THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT BIGMOUTH! I HOPE HE'LL BE OKAY.

NO...I DON'T!

PEOPLE LIKE HIM ARE WHY I HAVE TO HIDE WHO I AM. A MACHINDER'S LIFE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME VALUE AS A HUMAN'S!



FOR BETTER OR WORSE, WE'RE EXACTLY THE SAME. ONLY HEAVIERRRR!

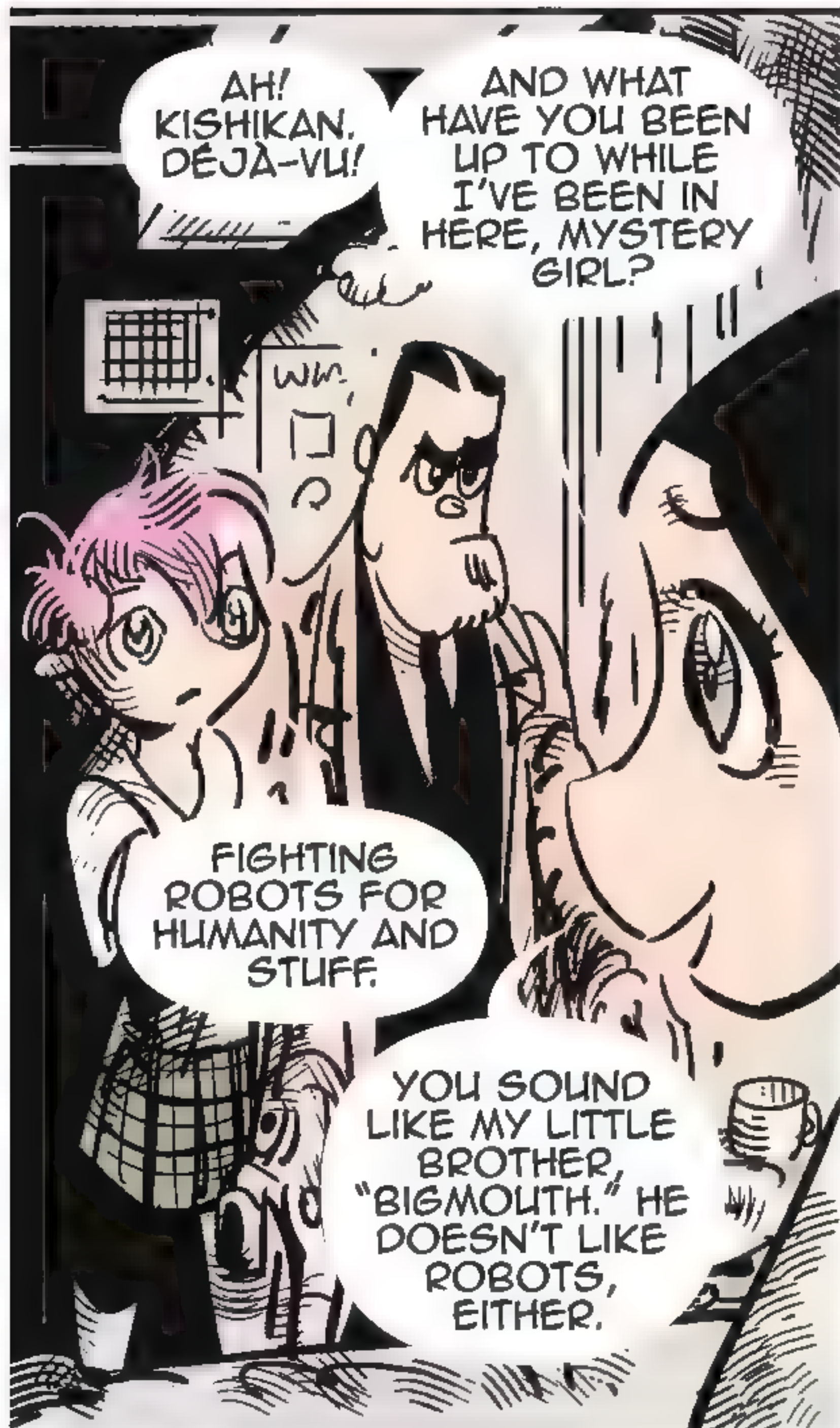
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SUMIMASEN?

YOU?! UM, YOUR ARM IS ALL BZZT BZZT BZZT.

ARE YOU INJURED? CAN YOU PLEASE TELL US WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

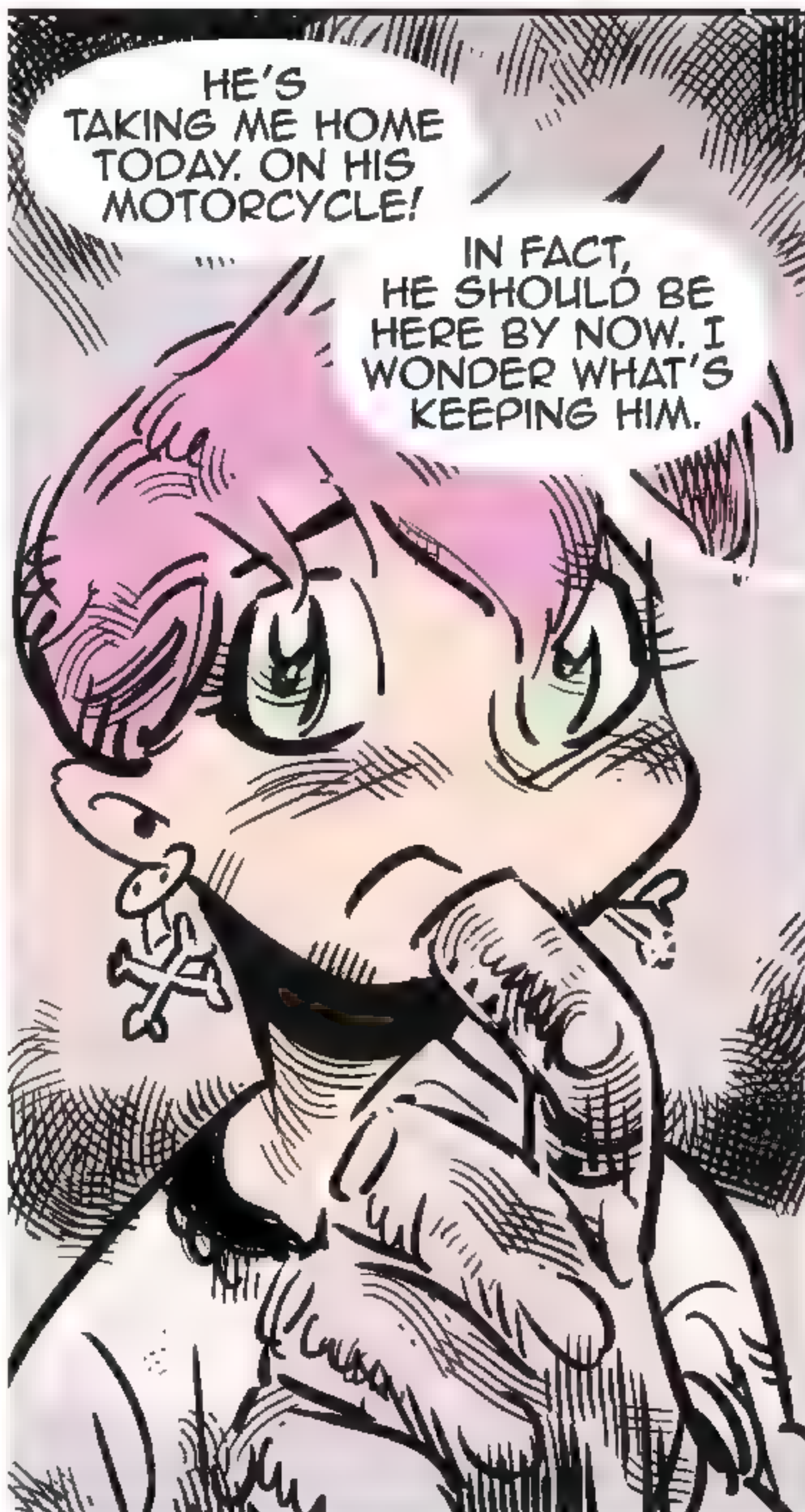


AH! KISHIKAN. DEJA-VU!

AND WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO WHILE I'VE BEEN IN HERE, MYSTERY GIRL?

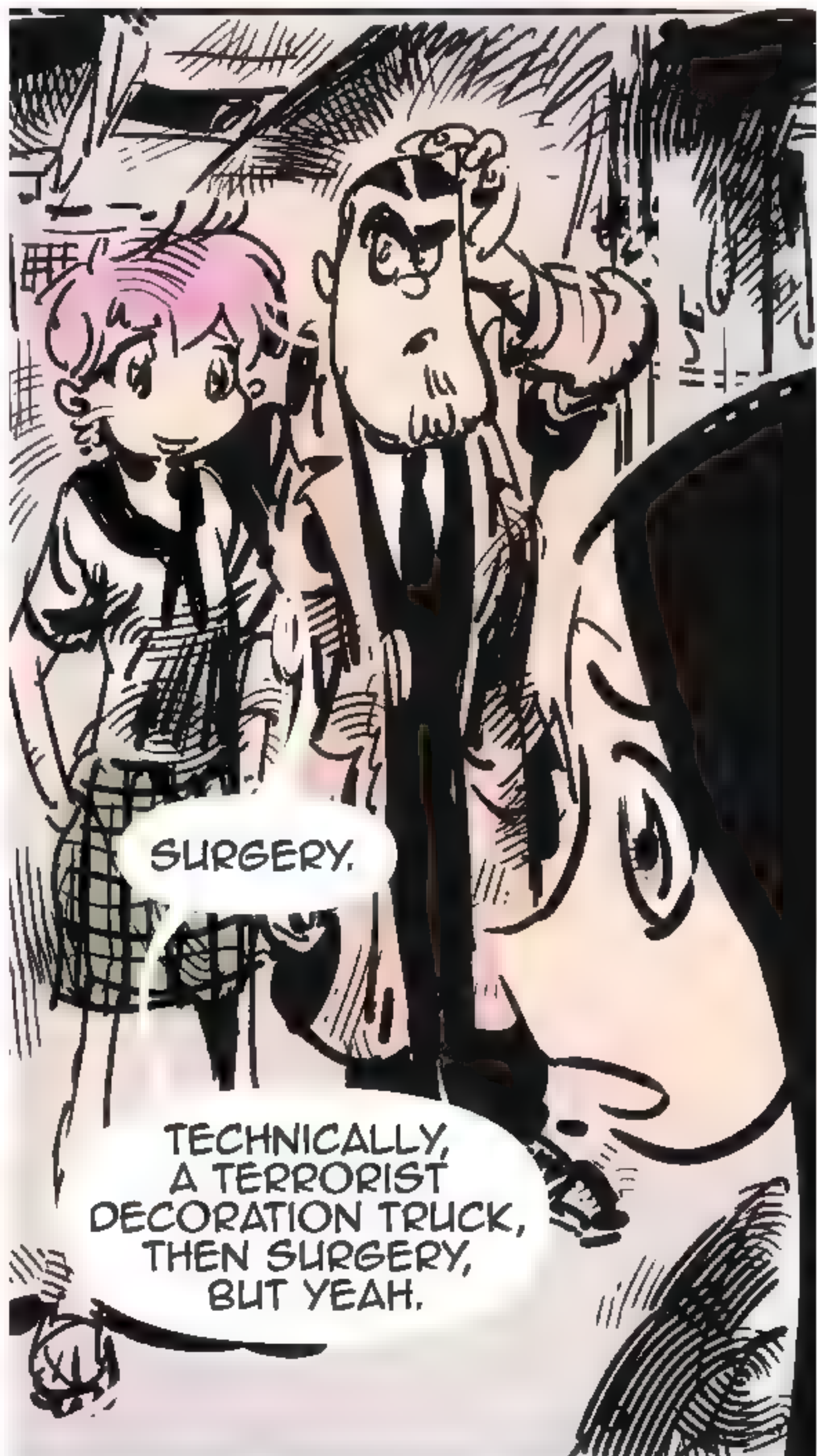
FIGHTING ROBOTS FOR HUMANITY AND STUFF.

YOU SOUND LIKE MY LITTLE BROTHER, "BIGMOUTH." HE DOESN'T LIKE ROBOTS, EITHER.



HE'S TAKING ME HOME TODAY. ON HIS MOTORCYCLE!

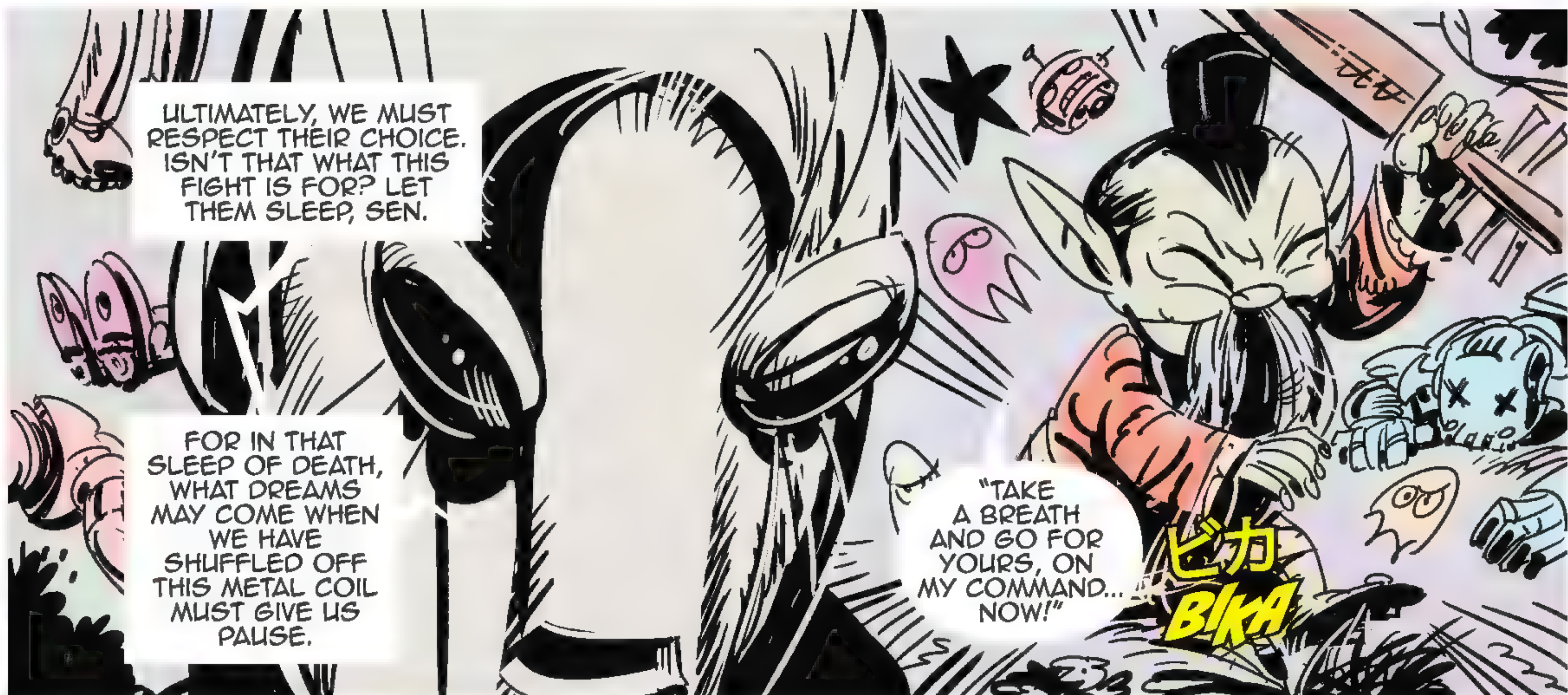
IN FACT, HE SHOULD BE HERE BY NOW. I WONDER WHAT'S KEEPING HIM.



SURGERY.

TECHNICALLY, A TERRORIST DECORATION TRUCK, THEN SURGERY, BUT YEAH.



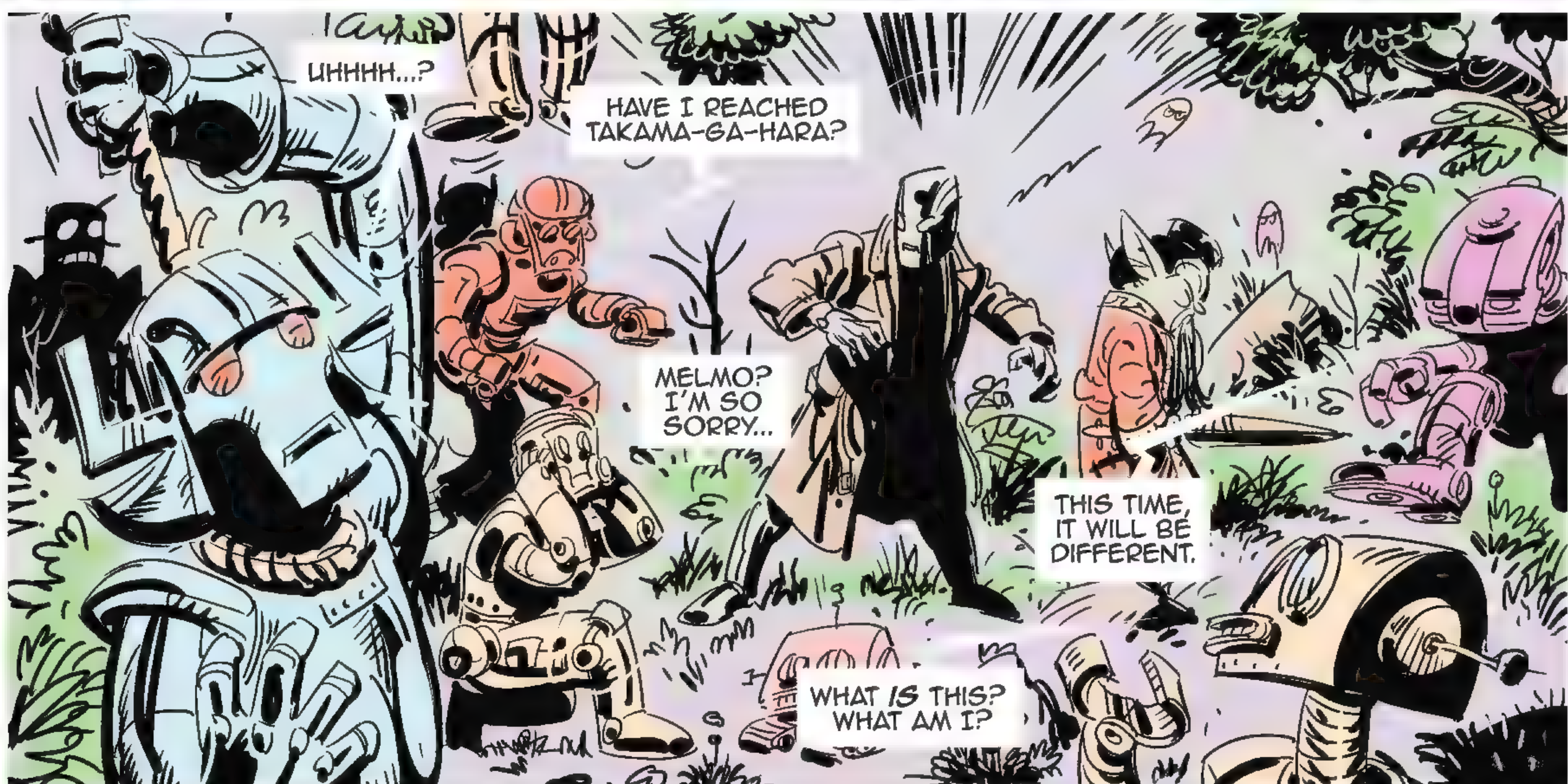


ULTIMATELY, WE MUST RESPECT THEIR CHOICE. ISN'T THAT WHAT THIS FIGHT IS FOR? LET THEM SLEEP, SEN.

FOR IN THAT SLEEP OF DEATH, WHAT DREAMS MAY COME WHEN WE HAVE SHUFFLED OFF THIS METAL COIL MUST GIVE US PAUSE.

"TAKE A BREATH AND GO FOR YOURS, ON MY COMMAND... NOW!"

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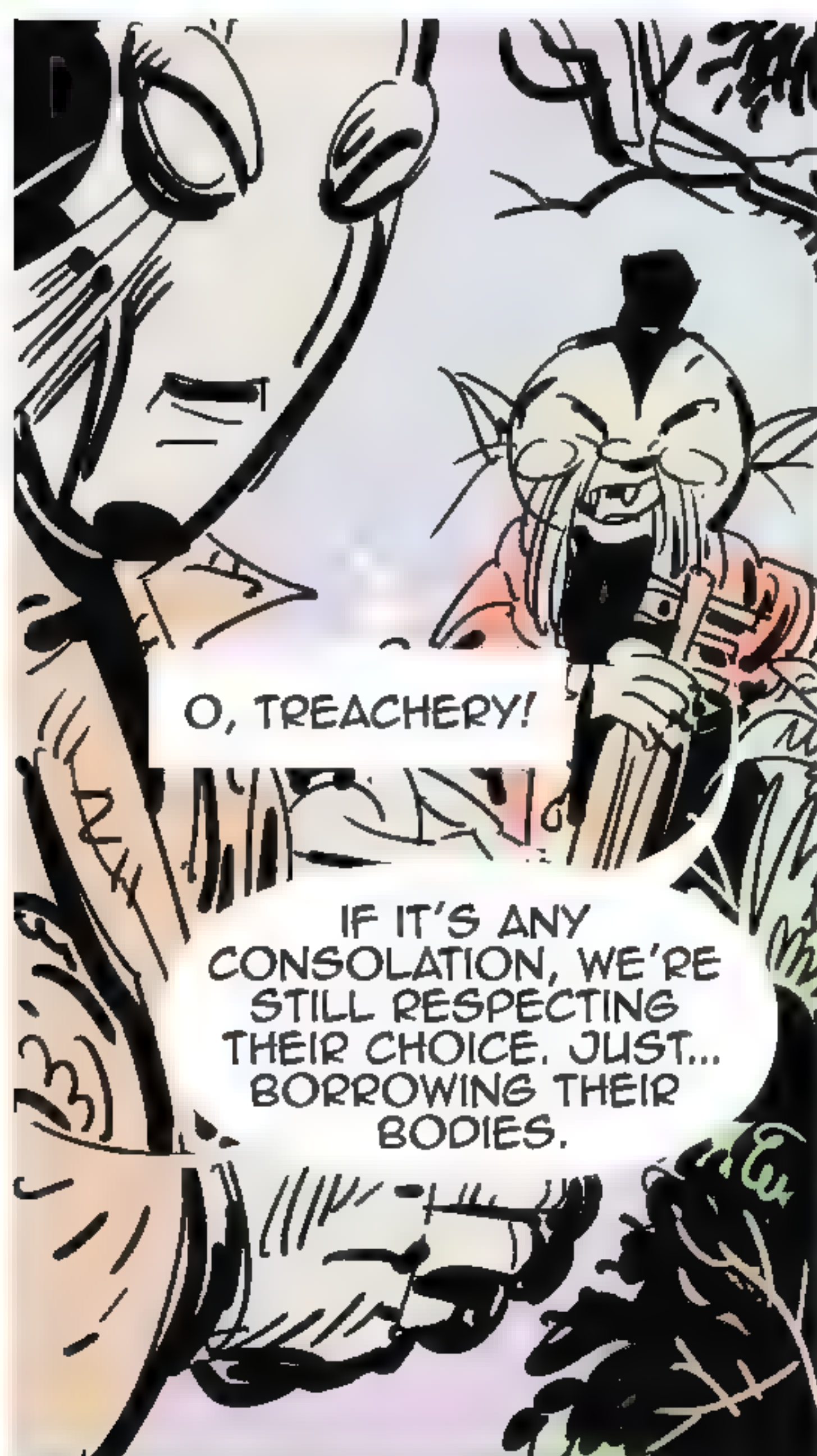
UHMMM...?

HAVE I REACHED TAKAMA-GA-HARA?

MELMO?  
I'M SO SORRY...

THIS TIME, IT WILL BE DIFFERENT.

WHAT IS THIS?  
WHAT AM I?



O, TREACHERY!

IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, WE'RE STILL RESPECTING THEIR CHOICE. JUST... BORROWING THEIR BODIES.



I SHALL CONSOLE MYSELF IN MY OWN WAY.

FIRST, GIVE ME THAT SWORD.



UNGRATEFUL THING!

I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE. HOLD HIM!





LONG AGO,  
WE USED PAPER  
EFFIGIES FOR SACRED  
CLEANSING RITUALS.  
AS A **SUBSTITUTE**  
FOR A REAL PERSON.  
LIKE YOU AND YOUR  
KIND ARE. IT GAVE  
ME AN IDEA...

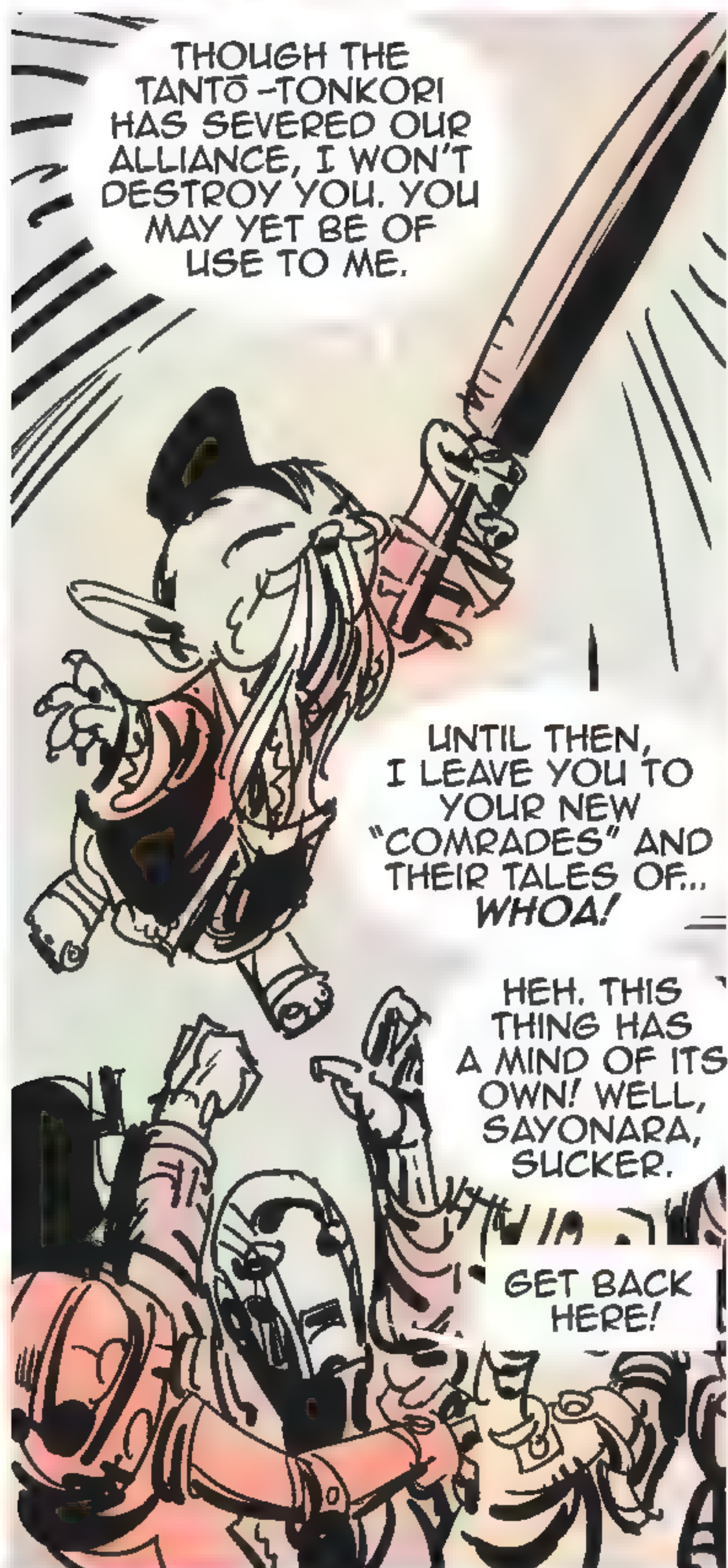
I COULD  
**CLEANSE** THIS  
BLEAK FUTURE, WITH  
A PRIESTHOOD OF  
"SPIRITED" SUBSTITUTE  
MEN UNDER MY  
CONTROL. MAKE  
THINGS LIKE THEY  
WERE. LIKE THEY  
**SHOULD** BE.

"SPIRITED"...? THEN, YOUR  
MAGIC DOESN'T REPAIR  
ROBOTS? YOU'VE...BEEN  
PUTTING YOUR **GHOSTS**  
INSIDE MY FALLEN  
COMRADES?! WHY, I'LL--!

EVERYTHING  
CHANGED WHEN I  
FOUND THIS HEAVENLY  
SWORD. ITS POWER  
INCREASES MINE TENFOLD!  
THEN I HAD A **BETTER**  
IDEA. WHY RINSE THIS  
WRETCHED REALM,  
WHEN I COULD  
JUST...

絶滅する!!

PRECISELY!  
NO PEOPLE.  
NO MACHINES.  
A SPIRIT  
WORLD!



THOUGH THE  
TANTO-TONKORI  
HAS SEVERED OUR  
ALLIANCE, I WON'T  
DESTROY YOU. YOU  
MAY YET BE OF  
USE TO ME.

UNTIL THEN,  
I LEAVE YOU TO  
YOUR NEW  
"COMRADES" AND  
THEIR TALES OF...  
**WHOA!**

HEH. THIS  
THING HAS  
A MIND OF ITS  
OWN! WELL,  
SAYONARA,  
SUCKER.

GET BACK  
HERE!



DON'T  
THINK I COULD  
IF I WANTED  
TO!

WHERE  
ARE YOU  
TAKING ME,  
SWORD?



THE  
BEACH?

HOW  
LOVELY.







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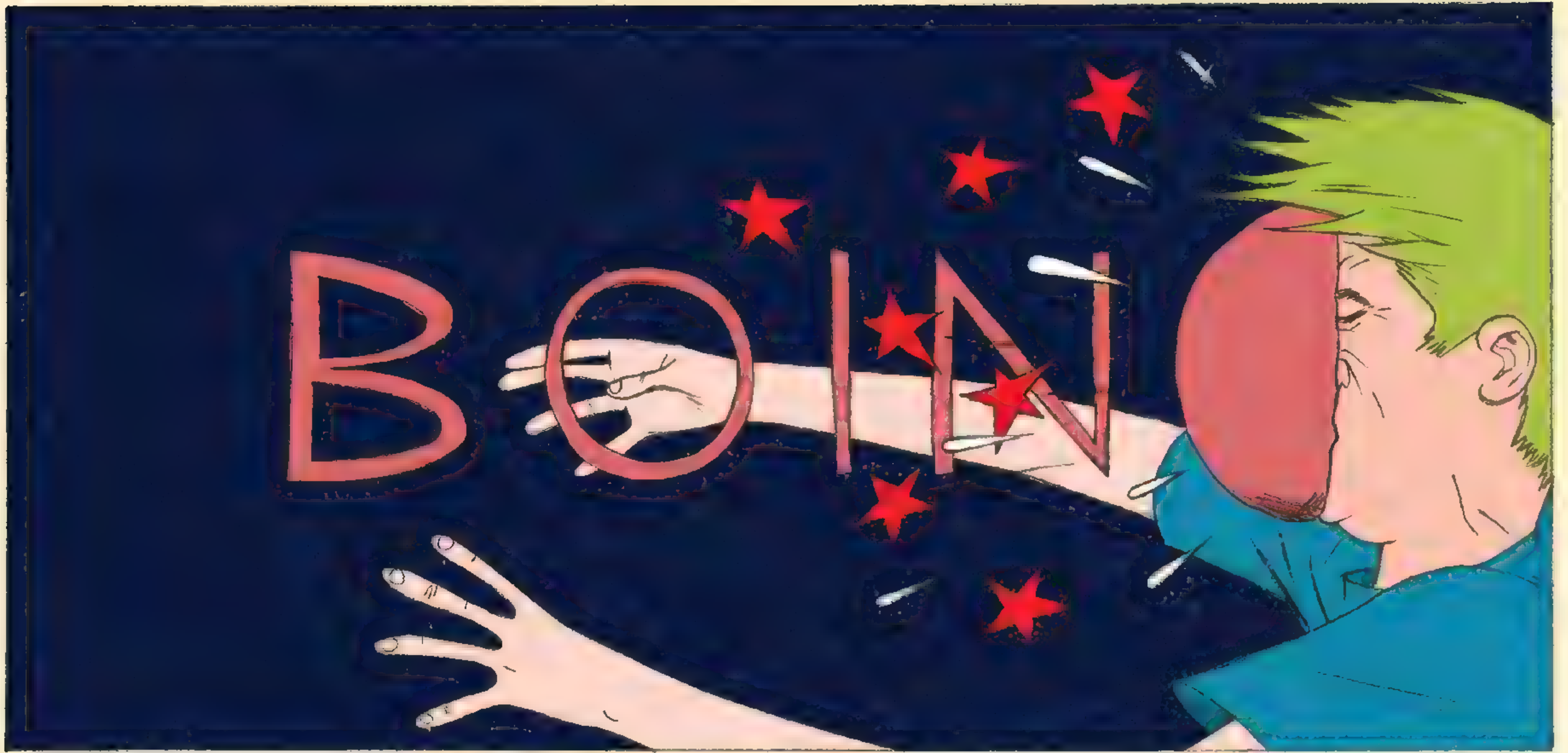


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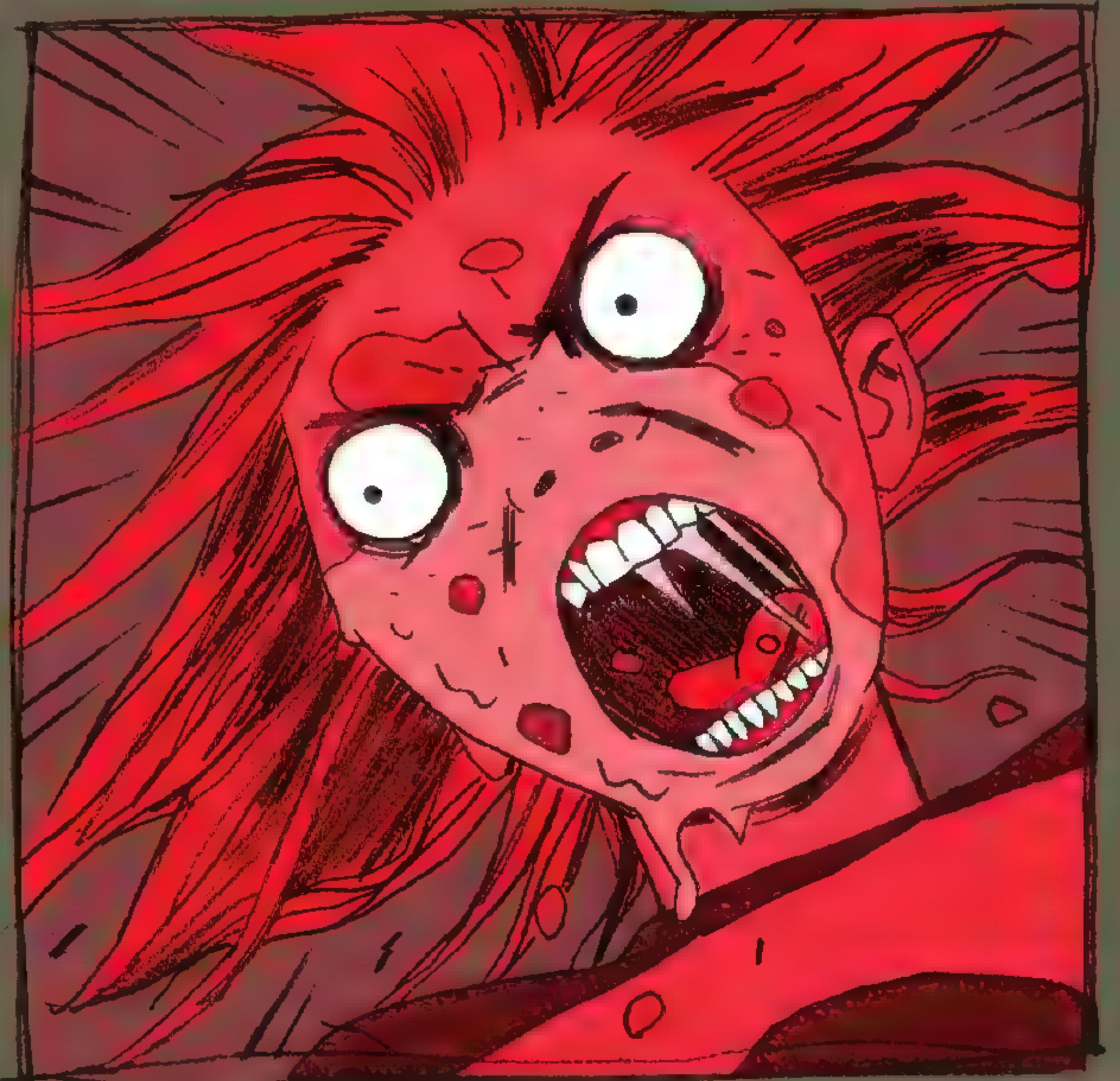
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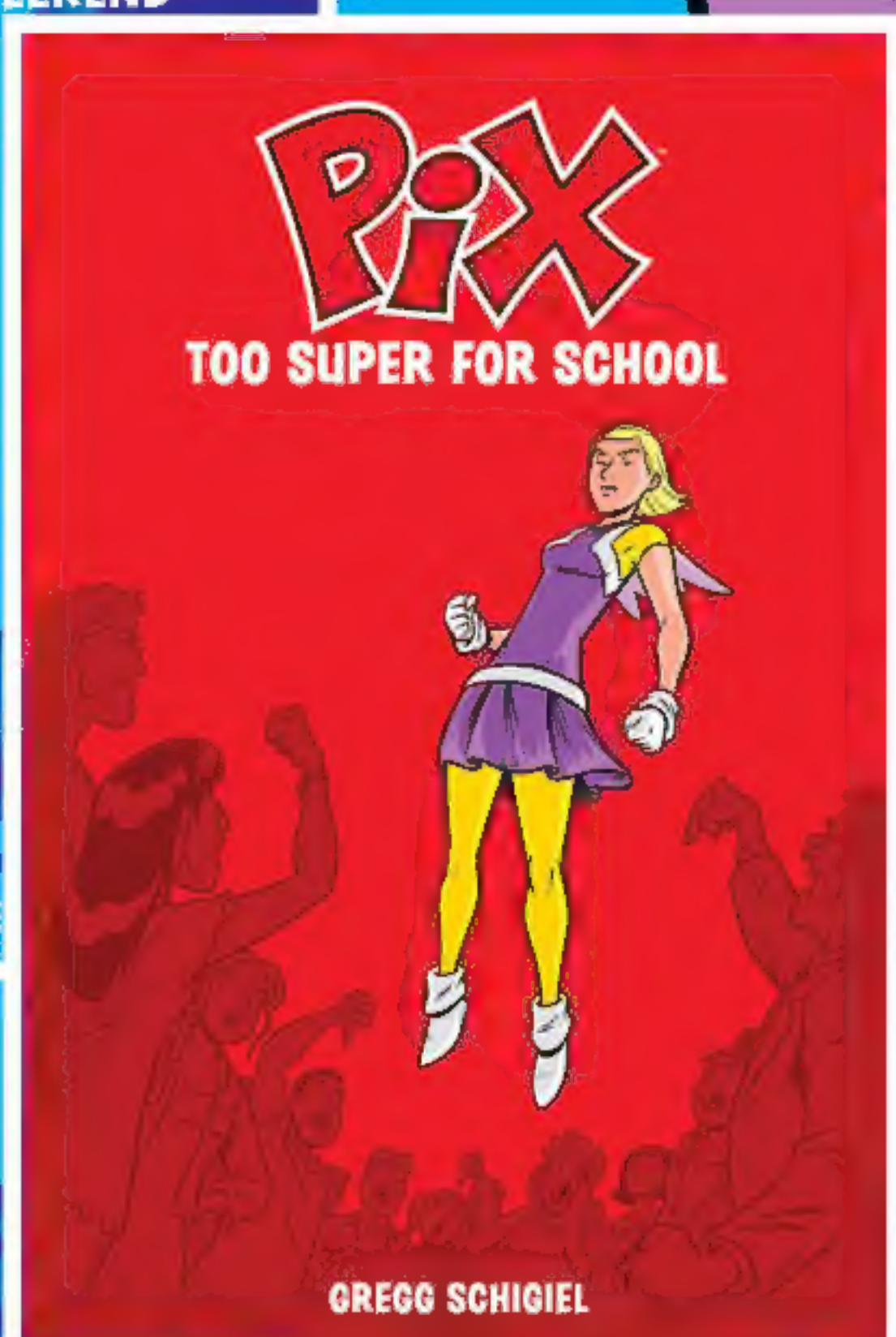
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